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South Korean Battalion Ambushed

Tokyo, Jan. 23.

The suddenly-aggressive Korean Communist troops cut to pieces a battalion of South Korean engineers 40 miles inside the Allied lines on Monday in a flare-up of fighting on the right end of United Nations positions.

While details were lacking, a dispatch from Eighth Army Headquarters said the engineers appeared to have been ambushed near Andong. This interior road and rail centre is 50 miles north of Taegu, the UN northwest bastion in last summer's battle perimeter.

Elements of two North Korean Divisions, the Second and Tenth, have been identified in hills north of Andong. At full strength, this would indicate 20,000 Reds were sitting southward.

US Seventh Division elements and other Allied troops have been fighting in this barren east-central area against infiltrating Red Korean regulars and local guerrillas.

STARTLING CONTRAST

In startling contrast, reinforced Allied hunter-killer teams on the central and western Korean fronts slammed back into North Korea and three other key towns within 25 miles of Seoul without finding the fight they were seeking.

Towns re-entered and then again abandoned at nightfall included Osan and Kuryangjang.

The Chinese and Korean Reds, massed on those fronts for the past fortnight, showed marked reluctance, at least for the present, to give battle to the strong tank-infantry columns of the US Eighth Army.

Around Yongwol, where only North Koreans have been reported, small but bitter struggles were reported. An intelligence officer there said, "the enemy is showing a desire to make and maintain contact."

Associated Press correspondent Tom Stone reported from the Yongwol front that "thousands of enemy troops already have slipped through the Allied lines and vanished in the barren country to the South."

Stone reported a missing American platoon (normally 40 to 50 men) evidently had been ambushed by strong force of North Koreans and wiped out. There were no details, but a wounded survivor was found, and the platoon was 24 hours overdue in returning to its lines.

An intelligence officer told Stone that sporadic clashes during the past two days indicated the Korean Reds were "asking for a fight" in the rugged mountainous sector on the UN right flank.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

New Blackmarket In Making

AS in other parts of the world, it does not require much stimulus to tempt Hongkong blackmarketeers into new activities. The attempts by these unscrupulous individuals to try and corner the petrol market is the latest example. They appear to have been prompted in this design partly by the recently-imposed United States embargo on commodities for Hongkong, which leads them to the belief that petrol will become in short supply and therefore precious; partly by the Government ban on the export of petroleum from Hongkong, which automatically encourages smuggling with handsome profits if the enterprise is successful. The sufferer, as the local petroleum concerns observed yesterday, is the private car owner and operators of commercial vehicles who desire only enough gasoline to meet their ordinary requirements. The distributors of petroleum hesitate to apply enforced rationing through the filling stations, insisting that supplies are plentiful and because of this there is no real necessity for placing restrictions on users of private and commercial cars. Their attitude is understandable, yet the application of a mild form of rationing at this time may, in the long run, have the desired results. Undoubtedly certain interested people are purchasing petrol in quantities much greater than their normal requirements, and everyone who does this, or is permitted to do so, makes it so much more difficult for the small car owner to obtain his petrol for ordinary business or pleasure. The number of court summonses against junk masters for trying to export excess quantities of petrol increases weekly; so too, the number of lorries and converted limousines discovered trying to smuggle petroleum out of the Colony. For instance, simultaneously with our

disclosures yesterday of the difficulty motorists are having in securing petrol at filling stations was reported a case in the Kowloon Court where 200 gallons of petroleum, most of it found in a lorry on the Tai Po Road, which had no claimants were ordered to be confiscated. The inference is that the petrol was destined for a place outside Hongkong, more particularly as the drums were unlabelled. The question which automatically arises is how can petroleum in such quantity find itself on a lorry in a New Territories road, unlabelled, unclaimed, but clearly intended for a destination? Two hundred gallons is about sufficient to meet the requirements of ten to a dozen small cars for a month, and is not, therefore, to be regarded as insignificant. It would seem to suggest that those whose responsibility it is to make supplies available to the public could fruitfully apply considerable discretion in the manner in which it is disposed of doing their utmost to make certain that it goes only to proper sources. The Police and Revenue Officers have been displaying becoming vigilance in apprehending attempts to smuggle petrol and kerosene out of the Colony, but even their present efforts might profitably be increased in a joint campaign with distributors to break the blackmarketeers, as well as the smugglers. The idea of rationing petrol supplies might be unpalatable, but if it means fair shares for all honest owners of cars and commercial vehicles it might prove to be the best action to take at this time. We are confident the distributors of petroleum supplies are alive to the dangers of a successful black market being established in this precious commodity in Hongkong and will take whatever action is deemed most practicable and most advisable to protect our motorists.

Leopard To Be A Film Star



Lamie, the handsome young Leopard seen being petted by members of the staff of a Cape Town newspaper, is causing traffic jams wherever he goes with his owner, professional hunter Mr Ian Sussens, and is about to become a film star. Holding Lamie's chin is attractive Miss Glinette Perrot, a newspaper editor's secretary, who was chosen a few weeks ago to take a leading role in "The Fastest Cape", a publicity film about South Africa which is to be shown throughout Britain and the United States. — London Express Service.

Off To Work Out Jap Peace Treaty

Washington, Jan. 22.

A US Mission left at 8.11 p.m. (GMT) today for Tokyo to discuss the possible Japanese peace treaty with General Douglas MacArthur and leaders of the Japanese government.

Mr John Foster Dulles heads the mission. Among those accompanying him as advisers were Assistant Secretary of the Army, Mr Earle D. Johnson, Mr John D. Rockefeller III, and Mr John Allison, State Department Japanese expert.

The party, travelling by air via the North Pacific is due in Tokyo at 4 p.m. (Hongkong Time) Wednesday, after brief stops at Tacoma, Washington, and Shemya, Alaska.

Mr Dulles said the Japanese "are now entitled to a peace which will make them the master of their own destiny."

He said that restored freedom will come to the Japanese at a critical time.

"Even before World War Two has been formally ended, new armed aggression has broken loose in the world," Mr Dulles said in a statement as he left for the airport. "It is showing its viciousness close to Japan."

The full text of Mr Dulles statement said:

"We are going to Japan to find the way to put our future relations on a long term friendly basis. We shall, in our effort, rely greatly on the advice and co-operation of General Douglas MacArthur, who has already laid a good foundation for our present effort. We are working in close contact with our allies and we have talked over our plans with the committees of Congress."

"For over five years, the Japanese have loyally complied with the surrender terms. We believe that they are now entitled to a peace which will make them the master of their own destiny and give them the opportunity to take part in all the varied peaceful aspects of national and international life."

"Restored freedom will come to the Japanese people at a critical time. Even before World War Two has been formally ended, new armed aggression has broken loose in the world. It is showing its viciousness close to Japan. The present state of the world places a heavy responsibility upon all free people. We have confidence, however, that the Japanese people, now that their military ambitions have been buried, will become worthy members of the free world, sharing honourably its opportunities, its responsibilities and the common purpose to surmount the dangers." — Associated Press.

STOP PRESS

Big Air Battle In Korea

Tokyo, Jan. 23.

American F-84 Thunder-jet fighters shot down "at least three" Communist MIG-15 jet fighters in a huge air battle over the Yalu River this morning, the Fifth Air Force announced.

First reports did not indicate how many planes were involved in the air battle.

The Fifth Air Force said, however, that it was "possibly the largest and the greatest air battle of the Korean campaign."

American Thunder-jet pilots were being interrogated for complete details of this battle. — Reuters.

Co Pak Sent To Hospital

Manila, Jan. 23.

The Deportation Board has ordered the confinement of Co Pak, Chinese millionaire charged with being a leading Communist, in Bilbil Prison hospital so he can get medical attention.

Co Pak, who is facing possible deportation, was reported to be suffering from diabetes and nephritis.

A new twist has entered proceedings because the question of his citizenship has been raised and if he is proven a Filipino citizen he cannot be deported. Co Pak's petition for naturalization was granted by the Manila Court in June 1950. Under the law, naturalization papers may be granted two years afterwards. — United Press.

Friendship Pact Urged By Senator

Washington, Jan. 22.

Senator Brien McMahon (Democrat) today asked the Senate to approve a declaration of friendship for the Russian people—as opposed to the Soviet leaders—and challenged the Kremlin to circulate it in Russia.

He said that only by such a "truth campaign" could the United States silence Soviet propaganda and give America "fighting spirit" for the difficult days ahead.

He again advocated a \$50,000,000 foreign aid programme of "Bread, not Bombs" if Russia agreed to "effective" atom bomb controls, and he called upon the United Nations to "assert its right" to operate a radio station behind the Iron Curtain.

Senator McMahon, chairman of the Senate House Atomic Energy Committee, insisted that American troops, arms and atom bomb supremacy were not enough to assure victory against Russia, nor "stockpiling atomic weapons" and working on development of the hydrogen bomb. He said the United States had failed to rally the "moral and spiritual" strength of the free nations abroad and to meet the propaganda challenge of the "spurious" Communist-inspired Stockholm peace petition.

TWO ASSURANCES

Senator McMahon said the proposed declaration of friendship should give assurances:

1. There are "no warmongers" in the United States Senate and not a single Senator desires the death of a Russian soldier or citizen in battle.

2. While the United States stands ready to spend many millions of dollars for defence, Americans "urgently desire a just peace" and are ready for any "honourable negotiations" to obtain it.

"I am convinced the rank and file of the Russian desire global conquest no more than we do," said the Senator. "I am convinced that if they believe the calamities of their government, it is only because they have not the slightest inkling of the kind of world we Americans really want." — United Press.

PEKING MAKES A CEASE-FIRE SUGGESTION

To Be Arranged By Seven-Nation Conference

UN WITHHOLDS ACTION

Lake Success, Jan. 22.

Communist China agreed in a surprise message today that a cease-fire could be arranged by a seven-nation conference on Korea, Formosa and all Far East problems. The United States branded it a "transparent attempt to divide the free world" but lost a passionate move for a quick aggressor verdict against Peking.

The UN Political Committee thus put off for 48 hours any possible action on an American resolution which calls Red China the aggressor in Korea and opens the way for eventual action against Red China. Mr Warren R. Austin, United States, scornfully told the Committee that it was "extending 48 hours the time in which our sons will be shedding blood on the field of battle."

The vote was an unprecedented 27 to 23 in favour of a move by Sir Benegal N. Rau, India to meet on Wednesday after delegates have time to study Peking's answer.

The vote was taken immediately after Mr Austin capped a day of debate with a demand for the Committee to continue discussion on Tuesday of the US resolution.

The Latin American countries, Turkey, Greece and the Philippines alone stood with the US against delay. Canada, Britain, France, the Scandinavian countries and others favoured time for further examination of the Chinese Communist Statement.

Using bitter words, Mr Austin said the Chinese statement "is not even new. It is not a proposition. It is not addressed to the UN."

He said those who want to study the statement "will have plenty of time."

He said while those who have not yet spoken or who want to speak again are talking, "they can be hugging this to their bosoms—they can treat from it what comfort that is in it for their purpose."

MIXED REACTIONS

Communist China said a limited Korean cease-fire could be arranged at the first meeting of a proposed seven-nation conference on Korea, Formosa and other Far East problems.

The point was contained in a series of answers to questions addressed to Peking by the government of India which had asked for clarification of Peking's latest reply to UN cease-fire efforts. The statement was read to the UN Political Committee by Sir Benegal N. Rau, India, who has been trying for weeks to hit upon a way to end the fighting in Korea and settle all Far East problems.

Some delegates in the Political Committee hailed the Peking answers as an important concession. Other said they did not go far enough.

The Chinese Communists made the following major points:

1. A cease-fire for a limited time-period can be agreed upon in the first meeting of the seven-nation conference and put into effect so that the negotiations may proceed further.

2. All conditions for concluding the war in Korea and for peace in East Asia must be discussed in connection with the political problems as follows:

a. Steps for withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea.

b. Measures for the Korean people to settle their own affairs.

c. Withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from Formosa and Formosa Straits in accordance with the Cairo and Potsdam Declarations, both of which recognized Formosa as Chinese territory.

d. Other Far East problems, not specified in this statement.

Finally, Peking said that the definite "affirmation of the legitimate status of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations must be insured."

In view of Peking's quick answer, the 12-nation Arab and Asian group decided not to introduce today a proposed resolution calling for another attempt to obtain a cease-fire.

ARAB-ASIAN VIEW

The major attention of the Committee members centred on the sections relating to a cease-fire and on the place of Red China in the UN.

Members of the Arab-Asian group viewed the cease-fire as a concession by Red China. In the Red Chinese reply to the last UN cease-fire appeal, sent on January 17 from Peking, the Communists branded the cease-fire as a device merely to give the

Life Sentence For Priests

Prague, January 22.

Three men were sentenced to death by the Krakow Military Court today for banditry and offences against the state. Two Catholic priests and the mother of a murdered 15-year-old boy were sentenced to life imprisonment. Four others received terms ranging from life imprisonment to 10 years.

The priests were Father Piotr Oborski and Zbigniew Gadowski.

Father Gadowski was said to have concealed weapons behind the altar of his church for the bandits. — Associated Press.

Avalanches Death Toll Rises

Vienna, Austria, Jan. 22.

The death toll from an unprecedented series of avalanche disasters in Switzerland, Austria, Italy and France climbed to 197 tonight and the danger to hundreds of mountain towns and villages was not ended.

The three-day heavy snowfall over the Alpine region abated, but the heavy drifts on the mountain sides remained to threaten further death-dealing slides.

In Austria, 122 have lost their lives, Switzerland 57, Italy 15, France 3. New avalanches tonight in Styria in the British zone of Austria claimed additional victims, including a two-year-old child.

Most of the casualties and destruction struck small communities in isolated valleys, but today a large city was threatened in a new way.

WATER SHORTAGE

Innsbruck, capital of the Austrian Tyrol, suffered a serious drinking water shortage because slides of snow, ice and rock had destroyed the greater part of its waterworks. Innsbruck has a population of 100,000, not counting occupation troops.

Austrian authorities said 45,000 persons in Austria's Alpine districts were cut off by snowdrifts and enormous masses of snow and debris. Among the isolated were 20,000 foreign tourists.

A new avalanche of snow and rock today blocked the highway through the Brenner Pass—last open road route between Italy and either Switzerland or Austria.

Road workers and Italian Alpine troops were digging into the tons of rock and drifts of snow there and at other passes along the Alpine frontier.

One track of the Brenner Pass railway lines remained open.

Throughout the day of thaw, new landslides were reported throughout northern Italy. Several more people were injured but there were no further reports of deaths. — Associated Press.

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Terror In
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Port Moresby, Jan. 22.

Terrified natives were fleeing tonight from belching lava and clouds of gas-charged ashes which have claimed 22 lives since Mount Lamington volcano erupted five days ago with an explosion "like an atom bomb."

An urgent message for blood serum was answered today by the Brisbane branch of the Red Cross and the first lot will leave Brisbane by plane tonight.

Early today pilots flew over the Lamington area and reported hundreds of people crawling from the vicinity on their hands and knees.

They were bewildered by the "night in daytime" atmosphere created by a huge ash cloud and were exhausted or keeping close to the ground to escape dangerous gases.

One Australian pilot reported that the ash cloud covered 100 square miles and reached upward for 40,000 feet.

A pilot who saw the final burst from the crater said, "I have never seen anything travel so quickly. In five minutes the mushroom-shaped monster had risen to 15,000 metres. It had a base and diameter similar to newsreel pictures of the atom bomb blast. Although I dived away at 350 kilometres an hour it seemed to be catching up with us."

The pilot added that within an hour two towns 48 miles away were completely obscured and in midnight darkness. — Reuter.

**Meeting Of
Empire's
Bank Chiefs**

London, Jan. 22.

Governors of various reserve banks in the British Commonwealth will, it was learned today, meet in Sydney shortly for a conference—one of the very few conferences in the history of leading central banks of the Sterling area.

G. E. Cobbold, Governor of the Bank of England, left by plane today for Sydney where he will visit the Reserve Bank of Australia and subsequently the Reserve Bank of New Zealand. After attending the conference of his fellow Governors in the Commonwealth he will return via the United States.

The meeting of Governors grows out of Australia's first 50 years of Federation. — United Press.

**Pakistan Signs
Trade Pact**

Madrid, Jan. 22.

Spain and Pakistan signed here today their first trade agreement. Pakistan will send Spain cotton, cotton-seed and hides in return for Spanish textiles, machinery and chemicals.

The agreement is valid for one year beginning today. — Reuter.

**British
Cabinet Formulates A
New Policy On China****Last-Minute Instructions
To Sir Gladwyn Jebb**

London, Jan. 22.

The Cabinet today drafted a new policy on China. The new policy was believed to modify British opposition to naming Communist China an aggressor.

The Cabinet met in an atmosphere of urgency to draw up last-minute instructions for Sir Gladwyn Jebb, the chief British United Nations delegate.

Informed sources said Britain's new position was:

(1) Willingness to denounce Red China for actions in Korea provided the term "aggressor" would be "toned down."

(2) Opposition to any punitive action against the Peking regime; especially no bombing of Manchuria, and no economic blockade of the China coast.

**Stanley
Sentenced In
Absence**

Paris, Jan. 22.

Stanley Stanley, the key witness in the Lynskey Tribunal, was today sentenced in his absence to three years' imprisonment for making "threats of death" against a Paris business man.

Stanley was recently expelled from France.

A warrant was issued today for his arrest if he should return. Counsel for Mr. Charles Silverstein, against whom Stanley was accused of issuing threats, said that after Stanley's flight from Britain to France in 1949, he was hospitably lodged by the Silverstein family for six weeks.

They took him to the theatre and the races, he went freely to the Israeli Legation, never the less Stanley later accused Mr. Silverstein of having kidnapped him.

Stanley then went to Israel, from where he wrote a letter to Mr. Silverstein threatening his life.

The Court also fined Stanley 50,000 francs. — Reuter.

**Kashmir To Come
Up This Month**

London, Jan. 22.

Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, the Pakistan Foreign Minister, who arrived in London by air from Karachi tonight on his way to New York, expects the United Nations Security Council to take up the problem of Kashmir by the end of this month.

He is going to Lake Success to lead the Pakistan delegation to the forthcoming Security Council discussions on Kashmir. Asked about Pakistan's attitude towards the latest American resolution on China and Korea, Sir Mohammed said:

**Release Of
Sterling**

London, Jan. 22.

Financial talks opened today at the Treasury with representatives from Jordan on the release of Sterling balances and their convertibility into hard currency.

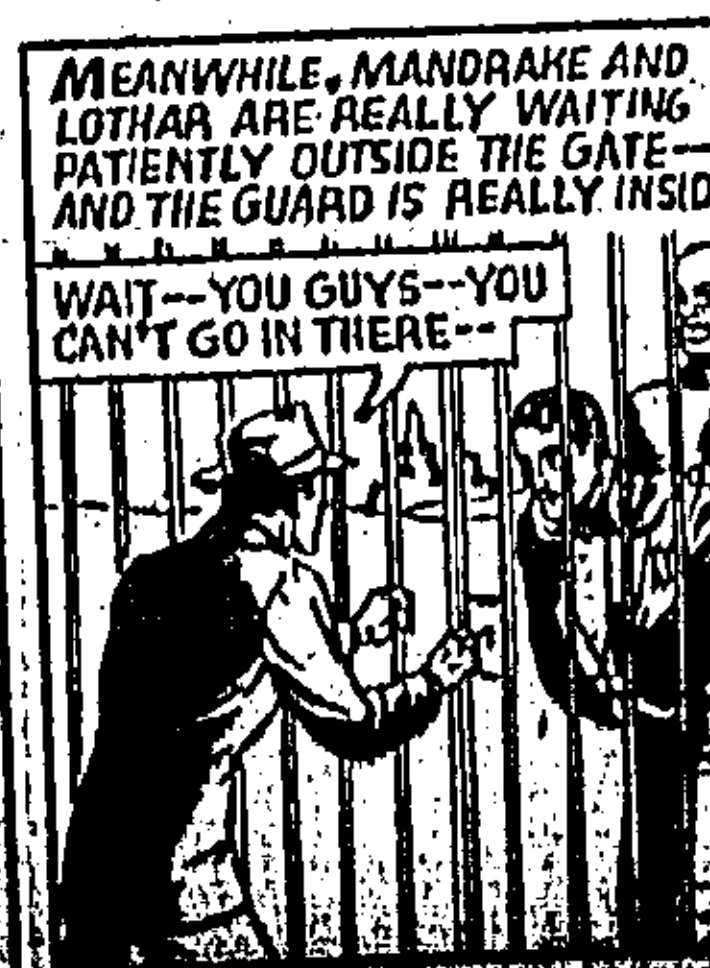
Small Sterling balances are held by Jordan and an agreement will have to be hammered out on what proportion of this shall be convertible.

An agreement reached last year provided for unconditional release of £1,642,000. — United Press.

TOKYO SHIVERS

Tokyo, Jan. 22.

The lowest temperature reading of the winter—22.3 degrees Fahrenheit—was registered in Tokyo today. — Reuter.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

MEANWHILE, MANDRAKE AND LOTHIAR ARE REALLY WAITING PATIENTLY OUTSIDE THE GATE AND THE GUARD IS REALLY INSIDE

I SAID—WAIT, YOU GUYS—HEY—WHERE'D THEY GO—?

MIGOSH—HOW'D YOU GET BACK—?

I BEG YOUR PARDON I BACK WHERE?

HEY—WHAT IS THIS?

WAIT—YOU GUYS—YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE—

We will have to consider the matter very carefully, indeed," he added.

Sir Mohammed is expected to call on Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, at the Foreign Office here tomorrow before leaving for Lake Success. — Reuter.

The matter would then be put before the Pakistan Cabinet for its final decision on its attitude towards the United States' resolution, now being discussed at the United Nations.

Sir Mohammed said that it was not a question of a verbal or theoretical acceptance of a conception. It was, however, a question of what would really help to resolve the situation with regard to Korea and China.

He said that one knew the dangers of either course, and the objective was to save the world from a great catastrophe the dimensions of which could not be estimated.

"We will have to consider the matter very carefully, indeed," he added.

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**Rhodesian
Africans'
Request**

Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia, Jan. 22.

The Northern Rhodesian Congress—the biggest and most influential African political organisation in Northern Rhodesia—has asked the Government to ban the immigration of Afrikaans-speaking South Africans into the territory.

The General Secretary of the Congress said that more and more white people were coming into Northern Rhodesia from South Africa.

"Most of these people believe in the idea of two races, black and white, going along separate roads," he added. That sort of thinking was injurious to everybody "and we want none of it."

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**Tougher Helmets
For Police**

Tokyo, Jan. 22.

Helmets made of hard fibre will be issued to all Japanese policemen, the Japanese National Rural Police Headquarters announced today.

The decision was made as a result of the riot case in Nagano City, Central Japan last week in which a policeman was struck over the head and who later died of a brain haemorrhage.

The new police helmet will be light and strong enough to withstand stoning or whacking with sticks, the police authorities said. — Reuter.

**Note Likely To
Be Ignored**

Paris, Jan. 22.
Informed quarters said today that France probably will not answer the latest Soviet note accusing France, Britain and the United States of "creating a serious threat to peace." A Foreign Office spokesman said the latest Soviet protest "note merely repeated the same old argument we already have refuted time and time again." — United Press.

**Charge Of
Aerial
Espionage**

Prague, Jan. 22.

The Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry today accused American aircraft of "intentionally violating Czechoslovak air territory to carry on espionage and to support subversive elements."

The accusation was made in a note delivered to the American Embassy here.

The note said that there could be no question that the alleged violations were accidents.

The note said that United States military aircraft had violated Czechoslovak air territory 58 times between October, 1950, and January 15, 1951.

This great number excluded the possibility of mistakes, the note added. — Reuter.

**Menzies Ordered
To Rest**

London, Jan. 22.

Mr. Robert G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, is to take a complete rest for some days before returning to Australia from London.

He is doing this on the advice of his doctor after a severe attack of influenza. Mr. Menzies has been in London at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference. — Reuter.

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Eisenhower Holds Talks In Germany

Conversations With High Commissioners

Frankfurt, Jan. 22. General Dwight D. Eisenhower met the Western Allied High Commissioners at a two-hour informal talk today, opening up the third week of his inspection tour of the Atlantic Pact territories.

No official details were given of the talk, but it was understood that the Commissioners gave a fairly comprehensive account of the progress in the talks between the Allied and German experts in Bonn on raising a German force for the proposed European Army.

Tonight the Atlantic Pact Commanders were expected to have a private talk with the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, at an Allied reception being given in his honour.

The reception, at the Bad Homburg residence of the United States High Commissioner, Mr. John J. McCloy, was being attended by more than 100 Allied and German guests, including former German Generals Adolf Heusinger and Hans Speidel, two of Dr. Adenauer's closest advisers.

The Allied High Commissioners were understood to have told General Eisenhower the latest position in the negotiations between the three occupying powers and Dr. Adenauer's Government on revising the occupation statute and removing more Allied controls so that West Germany can be more fully and quickly integrated into the Western community of nations.

"The political talks are at present stalemated, mainly over the question of German recognition of her prewar debt obligations."

Local Communists tonight scattered hundreds of small leaflets about Frankfurt's main shopping street. They read: "Eisenhower, get out—we want peace."—Reuter.

Senator's Plan

Washington, Jan. 22. Republican Senator Hugh Butler of Nebraska told the Senate today that the United States should plan immediately to make full use of the Chinese Nationalists, Japanese and Western German manpower. He also said the United States should try to stir up dissension among peoples behind the Iron Curtain.—United Press.

COMMUNISTS' Slow To Follow Up Withdrawals By UN Forces

Tokyo, Jan. 22. General Matthew Ridgway, the Eighth Army Commander, today conferred with General Clark Ruffner, the Commander of the United States 2nd Division, on his tour of the central front and expressed optimism of the Korean situation.

He had landed at Wonju airstrip earlier in the day, where he conferred with troops' commanders. He also visited French troops.

The Eighth Army Headquarters lifted the ban on news to give the information about the United Nations forces' patrol advances today.

Soekarno Visit To Manila

Manila, Jan. 22. President Soekarno and Madame Soekarno are coming here next Saturday on a week's official visit, it was announced today.

The announcement listed 24 people to accompany them. They will leave again for Djakarta, the Indonesian capital, on Feb. 3.—Reuter.

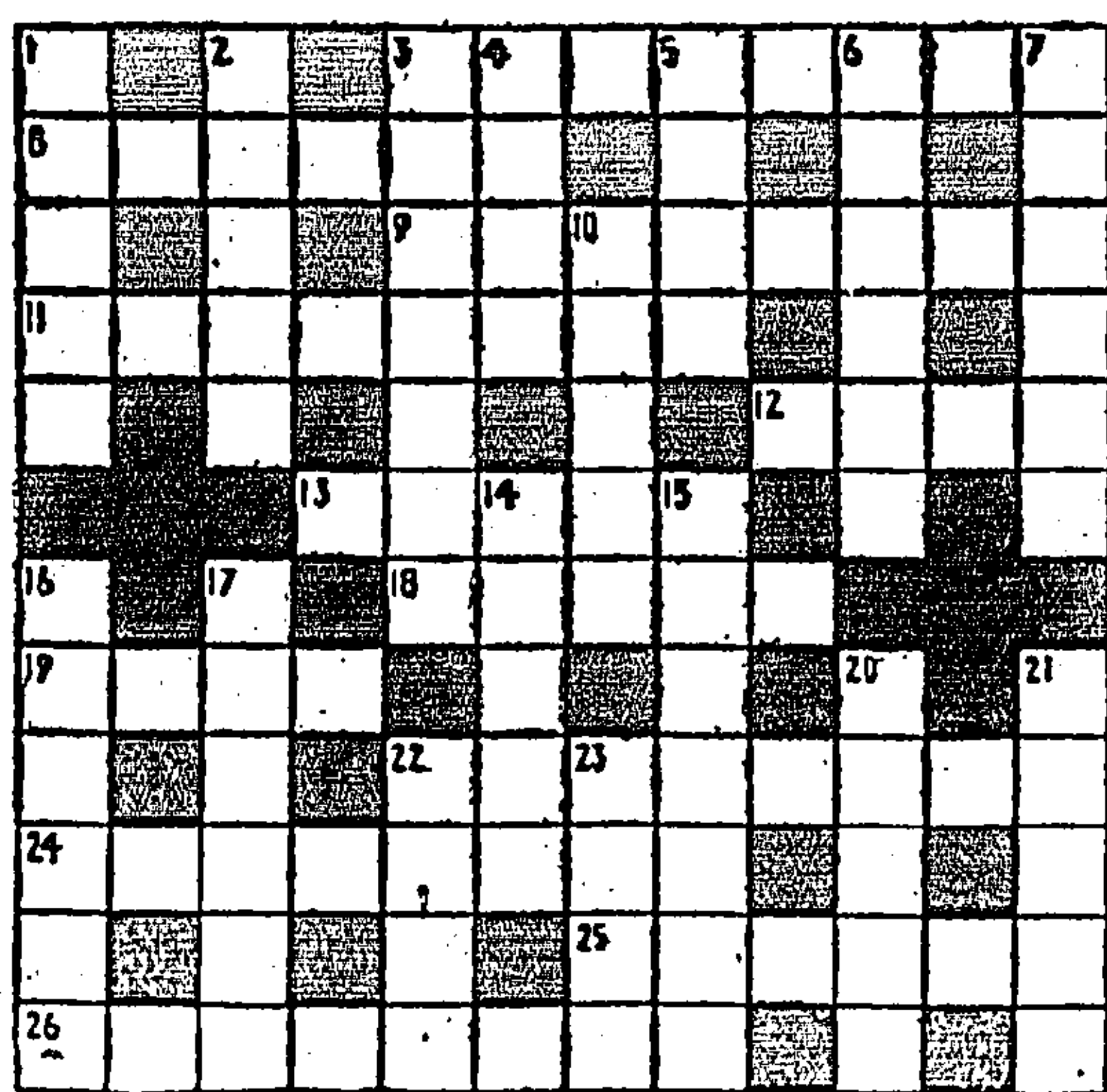
U.S. POLICY NOT HELPFUL SAYS ALI KHAN

Karachi, Jan. 22. The Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, told a press conference today that the United States resolution to brand Peking an aggressor would "not help any further efforts to bring peace to this part of the world."

He said that, as yet, Pakistan had not decided its position on the resolution, but he added, "Before final action is taken, efforts should be made toward rapprochement."

Advised of the Indian Prime Minister's reported statement that India did not reject the Kashmir proposals at the Commonwealth conference, Mr. Ali Khan said, "If he didn't say no I should be very happy if he accepted it now."—United Press

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Pulls down.
- 8 Frightened.
- 9 Deliver.
- 11 Turned aside.
- 12 Throw violently.
- 13 Hectic state.
- 18 Localities.
- 19 Egress.
- 22 Hesitating.
- 24 Shopkeeper.
- 25 Aim high.
- 26 Strangle.

DOWN

- 1 Pop.
- 2 Serious.
- 3 Expands.
- 4 Revise.
- 5 Fastened.
- 6 Not transparent.
- 7 Bombards.
- 10 Cap.
- 14 Essential.
- 15 Opposite.
- 16 Sorrow.
- 17 Season.
- 20 Striking.
- 21 Tally.
- 22 Droop.
- 23 Meat.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 3 Ventures. 7 Tease. 8 Saucepan. 10 Erects. 13 Perhaps. 15 Bale. 17 Epaullet. 19 Rebrace. 20 Away. 21 Tempers. 22 Casino. 27 Outright. 28 Clean. 29 Thorough. Down: 1 Steep. 2 Wager. 3 Vesta. 4 Tick. 5 Repeat. 6 Sonnet. 9 Aspect. 11 Renew. 12 Chary. 14 Speech. 15 Bumps. 16 Learn. 18 Ragout. 19 Teatop. 22 Match. 23 Elder. 24 Sound. 25 Silo.

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FORMOSA STATEMENT CLARIFIED

Washington, Jan. 22. State Department spokesman Michael McDermott said at his daily news conference that there was nothing new in the statement made on Sunday by United States Ambassador to the United Nations Ernest G. Gross on America's Far Eastern policy.

In a statement Mr. Gross said United States security requirements would be taken into account in determining Washington's policy towards the Chinese Nationalist-held island of Formosa.

Mr. McDermott's statement said: "Ambassador Gross' statement was simply a summary of parts of a speech by the Ambassador before the National Junior Chamber of Commerce in Roanoke, Virginia, on Saturday. It contained nothing new concerning United States policy, nor was it intended to. I understand Ambassador Gross this morning has made a brief statement to that effect."

(At Lake Success a statement issued by the American delegation headquarters said: "It is a cause of surprise that the recent statement by Ambassador Gross would be regarded as indicating any change in United States policy."—United Press.

Stassen

Takes A Look Ahead

Philadelphia, Jan. 22. Mr. Harold Stassen said tonight that he believed the United States faced years or even decades of struggle with Russia but not a third World War.

He called for a long-range foreign policy to win victory for "civilisation and freedom" without another global conflict.

There was much trouble and unrest inside the Red Army and the Iron Curtain, Mr. Stassen said, and he added: "In my judgment, this trouble would burst forth in genuine counter-revolution if an aggressive world war were initiated by the Communist rulers."—United Press.

Burma Short Of Newsprint

Rangoon, Jan. 22. Editors of Burmese newspapers, now very short of newsprint—decided here today to ask their Government for dollars from the American Economic Co-operation Administration to enable them to import supplies from Canada.

Burma depends entirely on foreign supplies to meet her requirements of 3,000 tons of newsprint a year.—Reuter.

Arms For Iran

Teheran, Jan. 22. An American cargo ship carrying anti-aircraft guns, and other war materials for Iran under the United States military aid programme was reported today to have arrived at the port of Bandar Shapur.—United Press.

Three children were killed when a Royal Australian Air Force Wirraway plane crashed on Maroochydore Beach, 70 miles north of Brisbane, amongst a thousand holiday-makers on the beach. Twelve other people were injured. The pilot was seriously injured and the co-pilot hurt. The plane, the wreckage of which is seen above, was on shark patrol. — AP Picture.

Trade Act Renewal Requested

Washington, Jan. 22. Mr. Dean Acheson, the Secretary of State, today asked Congress renew the 17-year-old Reciprocal Trade Act—which keeps tariff barriers down—"without crippling changes."

The Act, under which the United States has made agreements with other countries for each to lower tariffs to stimulate international exchanges of goods, could be a means of building "strength and unity in the free world," Mr. Acheson said.

Enacted in 1934, the law expires next June 12.

Mr. Acheson went before the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee to ask that the law be extended for three more years. No large-scale tariff negotiations were in prospect for the next three years, he said. This period would see consolidation and adjustment in the trade field.—Reuter.

Motor Rally's Rigours

Paris, Jan. 22. Some competitors in the Mediterranean - to - the Cape motor rally have covered well over a third of the distance, with the rigours of the Sahara behind them.

Antoine Chouca, of Egypt, in a Willys Overland machine, Mario Veglia, of Italy, in a jeep, and Roberto Bariego, of Italy, in a Lancia, left Port Archaubal yesterday. They lead the rest of the competitors in the race, already in its 26th day.—Reuter.

Parliament Back

London, Jan. 22. Parliament will re-assemble tomorrow and devote its first week to discussing fish, town planning and the Festival of Britain.—Reuter.

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Compromise Out Of The Question

American Position In Korea Crisis

New York, Jan. 22.

The Herald Tribune said today that if the United Nations fails to declare Communist China aggressors against Korea, "public opinion will not long sustain an organisation which regards so technically the sacrifice of young lives."

In an editorial the paper surveyed the various objections to the American "aggression" resolution—the Indian argument that China was motivated by fear for her own security, in particular.

The paper said: "What these arguments fail to consider is the position of America." It noted that the United States went to Korea at the behest of the United Nations and bore the overwhelming burden of battle, including the Chinese attack, despite assurances that China's interests would be respected.

It said: "Yet if the United Nations are to continue their refusal to name China an aggressor, what are our people to conclude? ... There could be only one conclusion: The battle, in the eyes of the United Nations, is utterly meaningless. Even worse is the inference: If the Chinese are not held the aggressor that somehow the United States is. There is room for difference of opinion and compromises among ourselves and with the nations of the world on how China should be dealt with in future. ... On this one matter of seeing the record straight and of calling aggression, there can, however, be no compromise."—United Press.

French Supreme Commander

Paris, Jan. 22. General Alphonse Juin, the Commander-in-Chief of the French Forces in North Africa, will be appointed to head all French ground, air and naval forces in the very near future, a spokesman of the French Prime Minister's Office stated today.

General Juin, who is also Resident-General of Morocco, is 62. His official title will be Inspector-General of the Armed Forces. He will also be Chairman of the Committee of Chiefs of Staff of the three Service branches.—Reuter.

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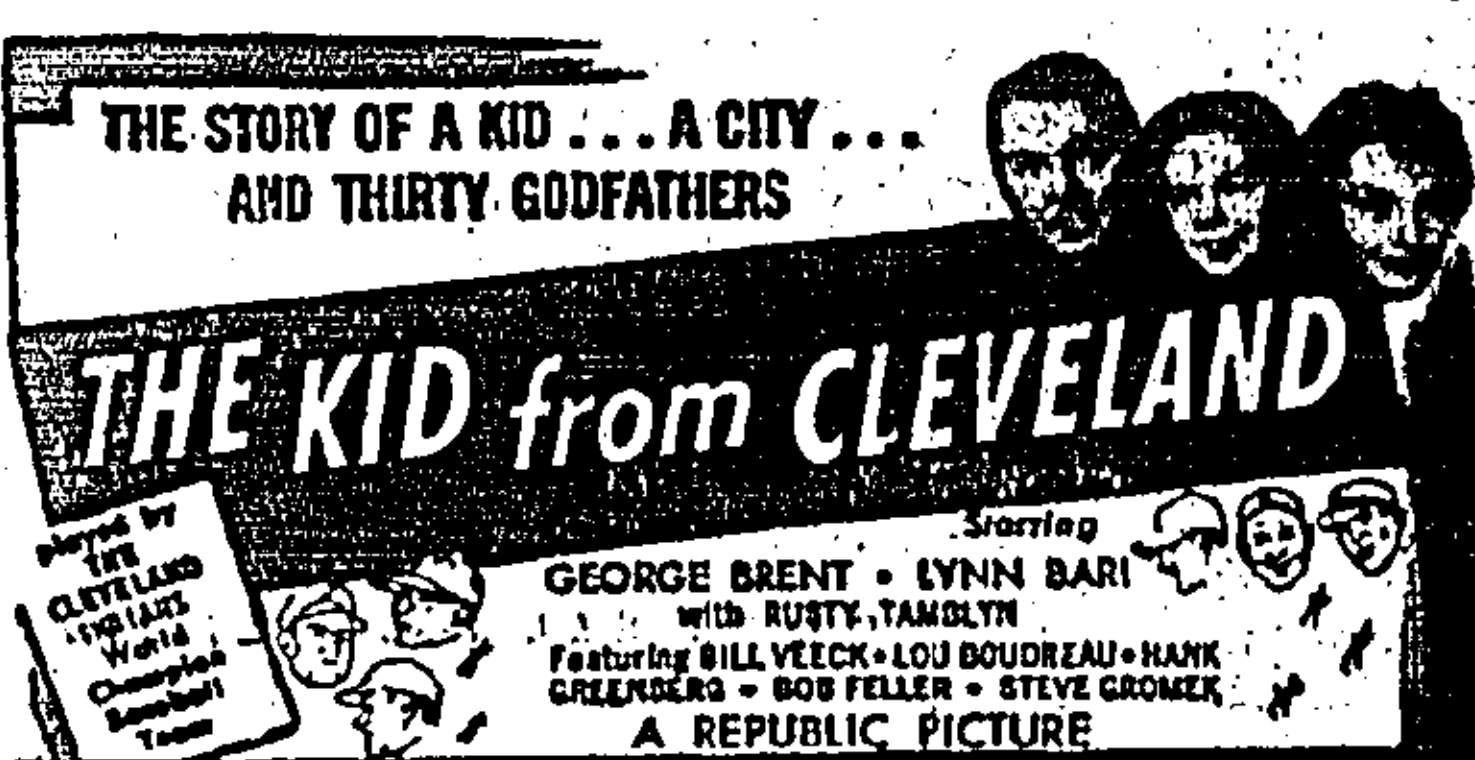
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WITH THE ROYAL HUSSARS ON THE MALAYAN MILK RUN

By Colin D. Edwards

AROUND ten o'clock in the morning, I set off with a troop of the 13/18th Royal Hussars, who were escorting a convoy of food lorries to a village on the East Coast about 60 miles away. There are two of these scheduled 'milk runs,' as the troops call them, every week.

The convoy system and other measures to control the movement of foodstuffs have already proved very effective in denying supplies to the bandits. This is borne out by statements from the surrendered bandits and by the fact that the terrorists have stepped up the number of their attacks that have the sole aim of securing food. It has also been discovered that they are doing their best to stockpile all the food they can lay their hands on.

was too much in the Bren gun's field of fire for his comfort. Now, when he has carriers under his command, he makes sure that their Brens are stationed up front, pointing forward.

The convoy started off and soon picked up speed. Looking back I could see a private American car driven by a Malay, followed by a truck carrying crates of food. Sitting on top of these boxes, which swayed dangerously at every corner we came to, was a young Chinese with a handkerchief wrapped pirate-fashion around his head. Behind them loomed the menacing gun turret of the rear armoured car, with Sergeant Willis' black beret peeping out of the top.

Red Cloud

The task of the road escort troops of the 13/18th Hussars is to protect lorries, buses and motor cars, and the people that ride in them, from bandit attack, and to prevent the terrorists from seizing foodstuffs and other supplies. This not only involves keeping a look-out for bandits but also keeping an eye on the food trucks. It is suspected that many food carriers have in the past been in the habit of dropping off bags of rice and baskets of fish by the roadside for the bandits to pick up.

Just In Case!

IN charge of the escort troop was Sergeant Felix Willis of Wolverhampton. He assigned me to one of the personnel carriers riding in the middle of the convoy and arranged for me to have a Bren gun and six magazines of ammunition—just in case. He intimated that we could expect an ambush today. The bandits undoubtedly know the departure times of the scheduled convoys and they have staged attacks on this particular stretch of road twice during the last two weeks.

When we picked up the civilian vehicles in the town's main street, the sergeant muttered: "I bet something happens today. There are only four trucks and a car. The town's people usually know if the bandits are planning anything. When they are, you find very few lorries turning up. The lorry drivers wait for a non-scheduled run, even if it means their waiting half a day for an appearance."

The convoy formed up with an armoured car at either end and personnel carriers, packed with troops, were spaced out at intervals between the civilian vehicles. The sergeant had a word with the officer in charge of the police in that district—a Malay—and checked on police activities along the route. In his briefing, Sgt Willis had already warned the troops not to be too trigger-happy, as there were some Gurkhas operating in that area and they might appear on the road.

Order To Load

THE Commander of our personnel carrier turned and ordered us to load our guns. He was Corporal Michael Tazskunowski, one of six ex-Polish Army soldiers serving with the 13/18. In 1939, his home city of Vilna was 'liberated' by the Russians and he was sent to the frozen wastes of North Karelia, the exact locale, it transpired, where I had spent part of World War II. Later he was liberated by the Finnish Army and managed to work his way down to France, where he crossed over to the American lines during the invasion of the South. Then he joined General Anders' Army in Italy and, after its disbanding, was taken into the British Army.

Standing beside Tazskunowski up in the front of our carrier was a stalwart National Service soldier from West Ham, London—Trooper James Thomas. He was manning a Bren light machine-gun, mounted on the shield above the driver's seat. Usually the Bren gunner is stationed in back of the carrier. However, on the last occasion that they were ambushed, there

was a small attap-roofed hut and then raced forward to catch up with the others. Now we were heading inland thick jungle. The lorries in front of us seemed to be disappearing into a small hole in a high green wall.

Corporal Tazskunowski turned and said: "Just about here was the last ambush; a three-ton truck." I looked out and saw the wreck of a lorry in a ditch. It was all burnt up.

Tazskunowski said: "Now, keep your eyes open." He was scanning the road ahead and the high, thickly-jungled banks on either side. Trooper Thomas hunched forward over his Bren gun, his sights sweeping the tops of the cutting through which the first vehicles were passing. Everyone fell quiet. Our eyes were on the banksides and our fingers on the triggers of our guns. Apart from the noisy roar of the engine, I could only hear the voice of the radio-operator, Trooper Sidney Spence of Middlesbrough, as he occasionally broke the silence to talk on the R/T to the leading armoured car or to Sergeant Willis coming up behind us.

Bottled Beer

AFTER about 30 minutes' travel from town, we reached a village and stopped. Some of the food vehicles were dropping out and the convoy needed reorganising. Before we left again, a brewery truck pulled up to a crate of bottled beer for the troops, most of whom had spread out in defensive attitudes around our 'caravan' as soon as we halted. The private car containing the Malays had difficulty starting up again, and those of us in the rear part of the convoy had to get out and give it a push. Even this did not get it going, so the Hussars hitched it up by a tow-line to our carrier and we hauled it along. We dropped the Malay in his big American car outside a

small attap-roofed hut and then raced forward to catch up with the others. Now we were heading inland thick jungle. The lorries in front of us seemed to be disappearing into a small hole in a high green wall.

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The road narrowed, so that we were brushing against the leaves of overhanging boughs. Without turning around, Tazskunowski called out, "Speed up."

Jungle Crawl

OUR driver, L/Cpl. Bernard Masters of Worcester, put his foot down hard, but a minute or so later we were going uphill and he had to change gear. Our speed was now maddeningly slow, or so it seemed. Within a foot or so of our faces was the jungle.

Each of us was occupied with watching his own side of the road. We were depending completely on the persons behind us to protect our backs, and they—in turn—relied on us to guard them from our side. Above our heads the long wireless antenna bent back with every low branch and then snapped forward with a quiet swish.

Minute after minute passed and we were still riding through a gauntlet of threatening jungle. Our eyes strained to watch for any movement that might indicate a hidden enemy. Every bluff we passed under... every bush... took on a suspicious potentiality as an ambush point. Nowhere along this stretch of road did we feel safe enough to relax.

Ten... twenty... twenty-five minutes went by. We were racing at the fastest speed the convoy could maintain. Having risen in the sky, the sun shone directly down, burning our faces and arms. I was surprised to find that the barrel of my Sten gun had not grown hot. But it was getting to feel heavy and the ache of the butt in my

right shoulder was beginning to seem permanent. I rested the barrel on the edge of the carrier and crouched lower to keep its aim on the high ground that persisted alongside the road.

We ran into clearer country and into some more dust before we arrived at the second village. As soon as Tazskunowski barked "Dismount," the men went over the side and spread out around the convoy, leaving the commander, the signaller, the driver and myself in the carrier.

Ambush Danger

WHILE some of the civilian vehicles were detaching themselves, Sergeant Willis took me along to the village police station to talk to the European police sergeant in charge of it. Unfortunately, he was out somewhere with a jungle squad.

Sgt. Willis ordered the troop to 're-mount' and everyone climbed aboard. As they did, I noticed that three of the Army vehicles had names painted on them to commemorate some of the places where Tazskunowski had served when he was in the Polish Army—"Bologna," "Benevento" and "Brindisi."

We drove out of the village watched by a crowd of the inhabitants—some Malays, a few Indians and a large number of Chinese. I fell to wondering how many of them might be working for the Min Yuen—the bandits' underground organisation.

My thoughts soon returned to the more immediate danger of ambush. We were heading into jungle again and the watchword was 'Alertness.' That can be an awfully thing rule, even when there is something to keep alert about. Your back gets stiff, the sweat trickles down your body. You want to stretch out your arms and walk around a bit, or at least stand up. But that may just the moment an ambush will occur. Your weapons must be ready to answer back at the first signs of an attack. Perhaps the fact that you appear alert with your arms at the ready will dissuade the bandits from opening fire and the convoy will go through unscathed. The terrorists do not relish well-defended targets as a rule. However, they are getting short of food, so they might well take the risk.

Keyed For Action

SO we went on for about an hour more, consciously—albeit most nervously—alert and keyed for action every passing second. The road was winding, often rough and sometimes narrow. To keep up speed, so necessary if one hopes to ride through an ambush, our driver, Corporal Masters, had to hang on to his wheel as grimly

as we grasped our guns. The carrier is a heavy truck to hold to the road and this trip was a trial of driving skill and endurance.

At last we reached our destination, a small village. The escorting vehicles 'peeled off' so to speak, from the rest of the convoy and made their way to the headquarters of a detached troop of the 13/18th Hussars.

The troop, the equivalent of a platoon of infantry, were housed in a large wooden bungalow that had once been the residence of Public Works Department employees. Although it was built of stout timber and had a tile roof, it was amazingly cool inside.

It was only a short distance from the edge of a rubber estate. Coming through the trees one evening about three months ago, a gang of bandits had opened fire on the NAAFI, where an advance party of the Hussars under Sergeant John Ceeli Thomas of Aberystwyth were having a sing-song. Luckily, all the bullets went into the roof and the bandits fled as soon as the troops turned out. They made their escape through swampland. Now there are armoured cars drawn up every night around the camp perimeter to reinforce the sentry posts.

Fenced In

AS one would expect in an armoured unit, there was a large number of vehicles of various types around the camp. On some of the radiators were painted names like 'Bremen,' 'Berlin' and 'Brunswick,' all former stations of the 13/18th. Sgt. Thomas pointed out a ten-hundredweight, open truck which the 13/18th call a 'peep.' On this particular 'peep' the windshield was missing. It had been caught in an ambush and the man sitting next to the driver had been killed.

The officer in charge of the outpost, 2nd Lt. John Mangles, from Colchester, entertained me to lunch in his office-cum-billet. Hanging on the whitewashed wall beside some of his family photographs was his revolver-and-holster and an English sporting gun. He hopes to 'bag' some wild pig with this but, in case he does not, his troops have purchased three piglets out of the canteen profits and are rearing them in an improvised pig-sty behind their camp.

I had a few hours to spare after lunch before Sgt. Willis' troop were due to start back. Lieut. Mangles offered to take me through the village. Because of the threat of bandit attack, it had been entirely fenced in with wire, and smallholders farming land out on the jungle fringes had been moved into the village to prevent their foodstocks passing to the hands of the terrorists. The farmers, most of them Chinese immigrants, go out to work their paddyfields and vegetable gardens during the day but return to the safety of the village by nightfall.

This area has been the scene of much bandit activity for the last two and a half years. Until recently the bandits were able, through their terrorism, to intimidate the population into supplying them with food, clothing, money and, occasionally, to make this trip too often.

shelter. Then, in June last, when the Briggs Plan was put into operation, the civil administration in the district was strengthened, the police were reinforced and regulations were introduced to cut off the bandits' local sources of supply. All food being brought up by road or sent to markets in other parts of Johore now has to travel in convoy escorted by Army or police vehicles. The grocers in the village, many of whom are suspected of having given food to the bandits, are not allowed to open their shops except between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m., when the police can keep an eye on them.

A 'Bad' Road

SECOND Lieutenant Mangles then took me for a ride part of the way down another 'bad' road, which ran directly south. It has seen three ambushes in three weeks, one of them fatal. The job of patrolling it and providing an escort for the food convoys along it fell to a troop of the 13/18th Hussars commanded by a 21-year-old National Service subaltern, of Harrow Weald, Middlesex, George Scott, who will soon be returning to civilian life to read Law at Cambridge.

Scott's troop was just leaving with a large convoy. With him went a young Chinese civil liaison officer, dressed in civilian clothes. However, he was armed for self-protection. A hand grenade was hanging from his belt.

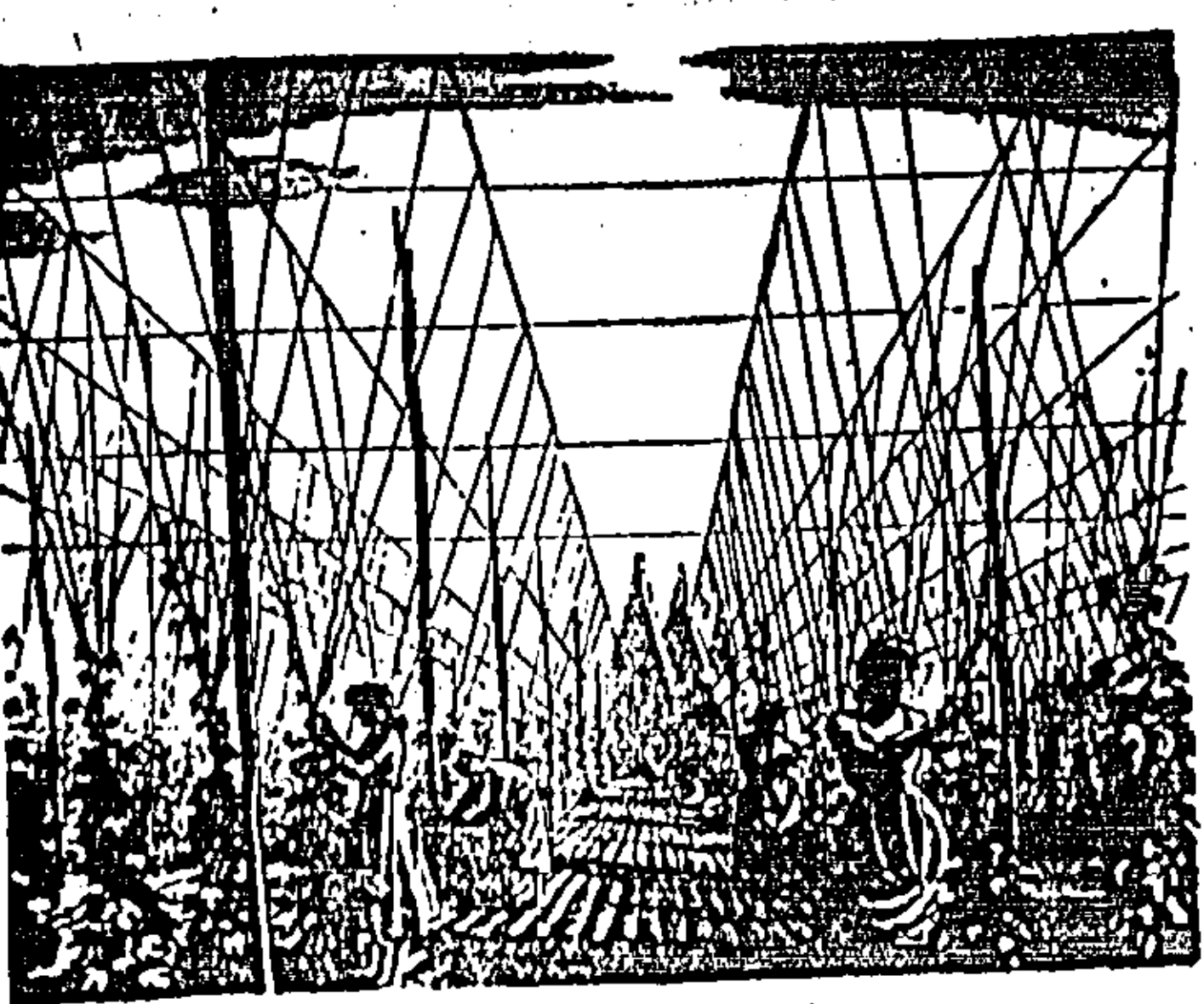
I stood beside Mangles in the front of a personnel carrier as we tagged on behind Scott's convoy. Leaning on my elbows I found myself nudging a row of five grenades, lying atop the cab and ready for immediate use. Nothing eventful happened during our trip, as far as we went, except the turning around to get me back to the road junction where Sergeant Willis and a westbound convoy were waiting. When Mangles stopped our carrier, his troops dived out and disappeared into the thick undergrowth. A few moments later, I managed to detect them higher up the bank, all set to give us cover from any surprise attack. The armoured car swung around; we backed and turned, and on a sharp whistle from Mangles, his men came dashing back.

Looked English

IT was a beautiful day to be riding ground in an open vehicle. On a sunlit road lay a single Chinese wooden saddle—symbol of Oriental superstition. The Chinese seem averse to picking up a shoe if they drop it on a road. They usually leave it and get a new pair.

At the road junction, Sgt. Willis had lined up eight food lorries carrying fish from the east coast. It was now about 4.30 in the afternoon. I climbed aboard Tazskunowski's carrier and we set off back down the same road we had come up this morning.

Before we had reached our journey's end, dusk began to fall. As we sat astride with our guns in the carrier, the sun's sinking rays lit up a mat of downy-topped scud in a meadow that looked—for all the world—very English. It now possessed a glistening sheen, silky wrapping for the old day. It was, I felt, some compensation for the dangers along the road but I still would not like to make this trip too often.



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INSIDE INFORMATION
By MERCURY

Now offers of chilled beef are being brought to London by Senator Derisi, head of the Argentine Meat Board.

Bulgaria has introduced the death penalty for illicit slaughter of livestock.

General Djilas, Yugoslav propaganda chief, will go to Britain on a mission for Marshal Tito.

Marshal Tito has sent legal observers to England to study British justice in practice.

A British brigadier and Special Air Service troops will train the Pakistan army in guerrilla warfare.

Mr Arthur Henderson will start an RAF recruiting drive soon. Volunteers are falling short of requirements.

The British National Coal Board is pressing the Ministry of Health for housing concessions in mining areas to help recruit labour.

Plans for strengthening defence bases in Turkey and Egypt, discussed by the Commonwealth Premiers, will be forwarded to the Turkish and Egyptian Governments.

A series of secret conferences is taking place in Moscow for high Communist agents from Western Europe.

Special funds for Communist parties which may have to 'go underground' are being placed in Swiss banks.

Brazil plans to build a dry dock capable of holding 35,000-ton warships, although her largest warship displaces only 10,000 tons.

France will form 25,000 interned Nationalist Chinese troops if China invades Vietnam.

The Air Council is urging the British Government for a decision on defence and export priorities so that rearmament can be speeded up.

The frontiers claimed would give China possession of mountain passes leading from Tibet and Sikkim into India.

Copies of the new maps are being rushed to London.

Several East European diplomats who have asked for asylum in Britain have been accepted.

They have given information on espionage in Britain that is likely to lead to deportations.

General Eisenhower has expressed interest in the lessons learned by the British Army during its 1940 Norway campaign.

Narvik will be a key point in Atlantic defence planning.

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THE next morning a number of telephone calls, including one from Hugo just to remind her that he still loved her, kept Teddy so occupied that she almost forgot about Charis Winslow's approaching visit, and became suddenly excited when the "woman of mystery" was announced.

"This is very kind of you, Miss Raynor," she murmured, in a low, pleasing voice. "But at all," said Teddy. "Please sit down."

"I'm afraid I mislaid you last night," Miss Winslow continued. "I said it was important, but—" She hesitated.

"Yes?" Teddy prompted. "My only reason for calling is simply to make your acquaintance. That seemed important to me—though possibly not to you."

Teddy stiffened slightly. "Why should you want, particularly, to make my acquaintance and—and why couldn't Mr. Graham have introduced us last night?"

"I preferred to see you quietly and informally, and besides, Mr. Graham said that—er—your escort, Mr. Albright, had not seemed to welcome him when he visited your table before I arrived."

"I see," said Teddy, flushing at the remembrance of Hugo's rudeness. "But you still haven't told me why you—you wanted to meet me."

"I am going on the Golden Gull cruise," said Miss Winslow. "And I thought it would make things pleasant if we were acquainted ahead of time. Mr. Graham told me that you, too, were going."

As they talked on Teddy kept waiting for her to say something that might reveal the real point of her call, but, apparently, there was no other reason except the one she had given.

Finally, she rose. "I mustn't keep you any longer. It has been so nice to meet you. Thank you again."

"Thank you for calling," Teddy murmured politely. When she had shown her guest out she returned to the living-room and sank into a chair, frowning in puzzlement.

"Now what under the sun did she want?" she wondered, half aloud. "That talk about getting acquainted was surely just trumped-up excuse. Yet, why had she come?"

Teddy's thought went round and round in confusion, coming back again to the question of why the woman had called, and she found no satisfactory answer.

During the next two weeks Teddy was busy making preparations for the cruise. In between times she saw a great deal of Hugo.

The fifteenth of June finally arrived. The Golden Gull was to sail at six in the evening. That morning Hugo phoned Teddy to say that he couldn't keep a luncheon engagement they had made as he was held up by some last-minute business.

He would, he said, meet her on board the yacht. He sounded rushed, and hung up after only a brief conversation.

In the afternoon, after the luggage had been sent to the boat, Aunt Elsie went out to make a farewell call on a friend and Teddy was left alone. With nothing much to do, now that the packing was finished, she found time hanging heavily on her hands.

She was glad when Jake Hatly unexpectedly turned up. He mopped his chubby, perspiring face. "Whew! What a day! You lucky photo-grapher, getting out of town in this weather!"

"Sit down and I'll get you something cold to drink," said Teddy.

After he had been thus refreshed he said, "I came by to ask you to take a drive with me in the park."

"I've got my car outside," Teddy glanced at her watch. "But it's four o'clock, Jack—and Auntie and I are to leave here at five."

"You have time," he urged. "Listen—leave word for your aunt that you'll meet her at the boat. Then I'll take you straight there after our drive."

"Right, Jack," she decided. "If you promise to keep an eye on the time..."

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"Then you can have lemonade. It won't take long."

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Blind Voyage

By MILDRED SNOW GLEASON

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He took her by the arm and, over her protests, firmly guided her inside.

It was a dingy place, and there seemed to be no one there except a rather unpleasant-looking barmen, half asleep behind the bar. He brightened a trifle at sight of Jake, and acted as though he knew him.

"He led Teddy into a smaller room and practically forced her to sit down."

"Are you drunk or crazy?" Teddy demanded, her face flushed.

"Neither."

"Stop being a fool! You'll make me miss that boat!"

"That's what I mean to do," said Jake. "At seven o'clock you may go."

Teddy stared at him. "Who put you up to this?"

"Nobody," he denied cheerfully. "It's just an idea I had."

"Somebody put you up to it!" Teddy suddenly tried to overturn the table, but again Jake was too quick for her.

"Listen, Teddy—it's not going to do you any good to fight. You can't get out of here until I say so."

Teddy lapsed into silence, trying to think of some way she could get the better of him.

While she was thinking, a man came into the room. In spite of the heat he had his hat pulled down so low that she could see little of his face.

He sauntered slowly across the room. As he neared her table he suddenly took his hand out of his pocket and pointed a

little black automatic at Jake.

"Put 'em up!" Jake obeyed, an amazed expression crossing his face.

The man turned to Teddy. "Beat it, Miss. There's a taxi outside."

As she hesitated, dithering in spite of everything, to leave Jake in a mess, the man spoke again, in a rasping voice.

"I'm not going to hurt your boy friend now, beat it!"

Both Teddy (Theodora) Raynor and her childhood chum, Hugo Albright, receive strange letters from a Dr. Smitting, travel agency operator, soliciting their participation in a cruise aboard the yacht Golden Gull. Dr. Smitting tells them it is being privately sponsored by an eccentric who prefers to remain unknown. Denis Graham introduces himself to Teddy and tries to dissuade her from joining the cruise. He reveals that the Golden Gull was the head name of a secret society of which her father was a member. Old Raynor had suspected a double-cross by a member of the society before his death. Graham points out the similarity of names and the queer way of selecting passengers make the scheme look sinister.

Teddy fairly ran out of the restaurant. She leaped into the taxi she found waiting outside, and she gave the driver the location of the pier where the yacht was docked.

Then she sank back and drew a deep breath. What on earth was the meaning of that extraordinary occurrence? In the first place, why had Jake tried to stop her from sailing? Could Denis Graham have put him up to it. And who was the man who had made her escape possible? Had he been following them? Teddy was completely bewildered by it all.

It was a few minutes past six when the taxi drew up at the pier. Teddy pushed some money into the driver's hand, and ran down the dock.

She saw Hugo pacing nervously up and down in front of the yacht's gangplank. He looked very much relieved, and a trifle angry, when he caught sight of her.

"What under the sun—" "Not my fault," she said breathlessly. "Is Auntie here?"

When he nodded, she added, "Let's get aboard and I'll tell you what happened."

The yacht was slowly backing out into the river. Over the city lay a sort of golden heat mist.

Teddy drew a long breath. "Gosh, I'm glad to get away!"

"I hope we don't regret it," Hugo lighted a cigarette and leaned against the rail. "There's something mighty queer about it all."

Teddy laughed. "Personally, I'm ready for a little excitement."

"Maybe you are—but I've never seen you be-

gleaming with perspiration."

"What are you doing aboard?" she asked ungraciously.

"You don't sound very pleased," Dr. Smitting laughed. "I'm here as sort of conductor of the cruise—to keep you amused, and to receive all suggestions or complaints. I hope there won't be too many of the latter."

Teddy abruptly turned away. "I think I'll go see if I can help Auntie unpack. See you later, Hugo."

As she started down the companion way a man was coming up—a medium-sized, rather thin man. He stepped aside to let her pass.

"Thank you," Teddy murmured, then suddenly stopped. There was something very familiar about him.

"Haven't we met before?" she said hesitatingly.

"I think not."

His answer was a mumble, but Teddy was a most sure she had heard that voice before.

She smiled brightly. "My name is Raynor—Theodora Raynor."

The man made a little jerk with his head, but he did not reply.

"Wait a minute," she said slowly. "I know where we met. You are the man who helped me get away from Jake Hatly!"

The man's face remained perfectly blank.

"You've made a mistake, Miss Raynor. I've never seen you be-

fore—except in newspaper pictures." As an afterthought, he added, "My name is Parrin—Roy Parrin—and I used to be an acrobat with Wingly's circus."

"Sorry," Teddy murmured. "I thought you were someone else."

She went on her way, but she was positive she had not made a mistake!

Changing her mind about unpacking, she went to the lounge and rang for the steward. A small, neat little man with gray hair appeared.

"Is a Mr. Denis Graham on board?" she asked.

"Yes, miss."

"Ask him to come here, please."

Then she sat down to wait.

Teddy didn't have to wait long before Denis Graham appeared. He looked very cool and immaculate in a pongee suit.

"How do you do, Miss Raynor?" he said gravely. "The steward says you wish to see me."

Teddy, dispensing with formalities, went straight to the point.

"Well, Mr. Graham, you weren't successful in your attempt to keep me on shore."

"So I see," he murmured. She looked at him intently. "What do you make of it?" she asked.

"It seems obvious," he said, "that whoever is behind this cruise was so determined that you should come that he assigned this man Parrin to shadow you and make sure there was no slip-up. With things like that happening perhaps you can understand now, why I tried to keep you from sailing."

"I still don't see why you should interest yourself so particularly in me," said Teddy lightly. "If I choose to have a little adventure, that's my lookout!"

Graham sighed and shrugged. "If that's your attitude very well. At any rate, since you're here, there seems to be nothing more I can do about it."

"No—nothing," said Teddy. She rose. "And now, I must go and change for dinner..."

She had changed, and she and her aunt were just leaving their cabin, when Hugo appeared.

"I've just come from the dining saloon," he said. "They've put us at a table with John Carper, a Professor Turner, and a Mrs. Ruth Marvis."

Aunt Elsie sighed. "I'd prefer to have a table to ourselves."

"Not I—I'm feeling sociable," said Teddy. "Come on—let's see what they're like."

They found their table companions already seated. During dinner, Teddy studied them. John Carper, the millionaire, was a middle-aged man with a face that might have been

carved out of ice. Hard-boiled and self-centred, thought Teddy. Professor Turner, who looked about 55 and was apparently slightly deaf, interested her more. He had a modest, rather pleasant, air about him, but, at the same time, he gave an impression of firmness and determination.

Mrs. Ruth Marvis, also middle-aged, had an angular, somewhat masculine face, in which a pair of soft brown eyes seemed oddly out of place. Teddy recognized her name as that of a popular writer of love stories, and mentioned the fact.

Mrs. Marvis laughed. "We'll forget that, Miss Raynor, if you don't mind." Her voice was high and thin. "I'm on a holiday!"

Carper asked suddenly, "Wasn't your husband a doctor, Mrs. Marvis?"

"A surgeon. What has that to do with my holiday?" the woman said sharply.

Teddy's aunt looked shocked at this rudeness. Professor Turner raised an eyebrow. Carper, however, was quite unperturbed.

"I've often wondered what it would be like to be married to a—er—female writer of fiction," he remarked smoothly. "Have you been a widow long?"

"My husband died of an infection—not of me!" Mrs. Marvis answered.

Teddy suppressed a smile. This was going to be an amusing table, she thought.

Aunt Elsie thought otherwise, and said so, when she and Teddy and Hugo had gone on deck after dinner.

At that moment, Dr. Smitting came up behind them, and answered his question.

"Captain Jorkes is not very sociable—but he's a first-class skipper."

Teddy, feeling that she couldn't bear Dr. Smitting a second time that evening, slipped away.

She went up to the boat deck and leaned against a lifeboat, staring out to sea. A light breeze blew. It was very pleasant after the heat of the city, and Teddy drew a long breath, relaxing.

Suddenly, near by, a querulous feminine voice broke the silence.

"I don't like it! I want to know why you insisted that we come on this cruise!"

"I've already told you to leave that to me," a man answered, in a smooth voice, with a slight English accent.

"But such strange, unattractive people! I don't like them..."

Teddy, hidden from the speakers by the lifeboat, couldn't resist eavesdropping. She picked up her ears.

For a moment there was silence. Then Teddy heard the woman speak again.

"You're a top tressome, Cecil! With the Dennams waiting for us in Venice, you have to drag me off on this ghastly cruise!"

"The Dennams can wait," said the man, "and it will do you good to lead a quiet life for a change."

"Cecil, you're hiding something from me—I know it! You have some secret reason..."

"Don't be an idiot, Helen, and don't shout," the man cut in. "The idea of the cruise appealed to me—that's all. Come on—let's go down and see if we can stir up a game of bridge."

Teddy went down to the main deck, and immediately ran into Dr. Smitting again. He was talking to the Skipper, but broke off at sight of her.

"Oh, Miss Raynor. Have you met Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard?"

Helen Stoddard, a petulant-looking brunette, acknowledged the introduction with a bored murmur. But Cecil Stoddard's washed-out blue eyes brightened slightly.

"Play bridge, Miss Raynor?" "Sorry," Teddy fibbed.

"Going to be a dull trip," Stoddard sighed.

He and his wife strolled away, leaving Teddy alone with Dr. Smitting.

"What's our course?" Teddy asked, for something to say.

"I don't know," he replied. "I mean, where are we going?"

"I still don't know."

"Have you forgotten that every day is to be a surprise?" Smitting laughed.

"Oh... I see," said Teddy. Then, seeing Hugo turn into the lounge, "Well, good night, Dr. Smitting."

She hurried to the lounge, catching Hugo just as he was leaving it.

"I was looking for you," he said. "Been up on the bridge, talking to Captain Jorkes. Grumpy old devil! Hugo looked around. "Let's go where we can talk."

"They went back on deck, to the stern of the ship, and leaned against the rail.

"What have you to tell me?" Teddy asked.

"We're on a crazy ship all right!" Hugo said grimly. "Apparently nobody, not even the captain, knows where we're going. Every morning he is to get an envelope containing the course for the day."

Hugo heard a noise and, availing himself to discover Denis Graham.

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BY ORDER,
B. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



We found these old clippings where you won a Charleston contest. Now—will you show us the steps?

COVENANT AND THE STONE

William Graham

SYMBOLS of nationhood play a greater part in the lives of the individuals who form a nation than materialistic party-machine-controlled politicians will concede until the hard realities of emotion, sentiment and national pride break through to their consciousness and their consciences.

The life of a nation is not all economics, formulae, slogans, catchwords and patter, and deep down in the heart of every man and woman there is a pride of nationhood which will upset the calculations of those who live only on the muddy bread of political dogma and economic claptrap.

GREAT PITY
If it were attempted to take the tomb of Napoleon from Paris, or the Wailing Wall from Jerusalem, or the Declaration of Independence from Washington, the nation concerned would rise to a man, no matter what benefits were offered in exchange or what promises were made of peace and plenty for evermore.

The Scottish Covenant has in the last 14 months given grounds for believing that in the heart of the Scottish people there remains the realisation that Scotland as a nation still lives. The great pity has been that against two centuries' hardening, political machines working as one to prevent a further expression of that

national feeling. Covenant sponsors have been powerless, partly because the feeling is there so many other problems exist in the political world (or are made to appear to exist, so that the effect may be confused with the cause). Thus there is little danger of Scottish national sentiment upsetting a very comfortable apparatus for party politicians, unless one party can see such sentiment upsetting the other party's apparatus, when it becomes a different story.

It might have been different had the Covenant Committee elected to throw the weight of such influence as they possess to the right in the Scotstown by-election and thus make a victory a triumph. The Tory policy on self-government for Scotland is consistent if somewhat obtuse and reluctant (on such issues as Tories are generally reluctant but usually see the daylight eventually); the Socialist record is deplorable.

The situation today could be changed dramatically. The opportunity has at last arisen, to test once and for all the real

intensity of the feeling of the Scots for their nation.

On the assumption that the Stone of Destiny is in Scotland, its custodians should, some dark night, deposit it on the doorstep of Mr. Hector McNeill with a declaration that on his shoulders as Minister in charge of Scottish affairs lies the immediate responsibility for its future resting place.

Let it not be forgotten that the Socialist Party, till it obtained office, waxed not on the subject of legislative devotion for Scotland, and since it obtained office has blown cold.

TESTING MARKET
Politicians imagine that blatant inconsistency no longer matters in public life. Listen to this heated declaration by Mr. McNeill in 1945: "If my Tory opponent (Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton) is unwilling to pledge himself to

Army Are Five Points Ahead In The League Championship Race

By "OBSERVER"

Army practically won the Men's Senior Hockey Championship on Sunday, when they defeated Club de Recreo by three goals to two in an evenly contested match.

With only four games to go, Army have won all their 10 matches so far. Both Recreo and Argonauts "A," their two closest rivals have each already lost twice and drawn once.

For Army Sunday's game was perhaps the hardest they have had in this season's League. Recreo, with a reshuffled forward line held their own throughout the whole duration of play, and had as much of the exchanges as their opponents.

UNFORTUNATE

It was rather unfortunate for them that the first goal which came after 10 minutes of up and down play should have been allowed. It came from a kick by Gardner during a scuffle in front of the goalmouth.

"Spiky" Gutierrez, playing at Centre-forward infused a new life into the Recreo forward line, and was responsible for both of his side's goals. Army, however, had a better combining forward line, with the inside and the centre-forward receiving more centres from the wings than their opposite trio. They were always dangerous with the short corners and from one of these, Gardner drove in one of his unsavable shots.

Both the defences showed up well. On the Recreo side, Garcia at goal made some good saves, and Nery and Reed were the mainstay of the Recreo rearguard. For Army, Fitzgibbon at centre-half, played one of his best games so far and Webb at left-back was cool and steady throughout.

DOUBTFUL GOAL

After Army's doubtful goal, Recreo nearly equalised when a beautiful run by "Spiky" Gutierrez on the left-wing took him into the "D," but his pass across the goalmouth went a-bogging. It was not until five minutes before the end of the first half that Recreo equalised from a short corner. Stopping the hit, Gutierrez sent in a hard drive which was stopped by Fitzgibbon. Following up, Gutierrez first-timed the rebound into the net.

Immediately after this, Army again took the lead, after forcing a short corner. The hit

Badminton Meeting

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Badminton Association will be held at the South China Morning Post Building, top floor, on Friday, Jan. 26, 1951, at 8.30 p.m.

Squash Tourney Results

The First Round of the Colony Open Squash Championship was played at the Victoria Squash Courts last night.

D.I. Bonanquet, last year's champion, beat H. R. Jowett; C.G.R. Morrison beat E. B. Oliver; A. R. Hodgkinson v R. M. Macpherson (postponed); R. A. Schlee lost to G.E.P. Hutchings; Jacob-Hood beat G.M. MacWhinnie; Noel-Johnson beat P.W. Farquharson; G.H.P. Pritchard beat J.K. Wilson; K.H. Wilson v R. S. Kingsford (postponed); J.R. MacDonald beat P.H. Arnott.

Madras Test Is Likely To End In A Draw

Madras, Jan. 22.

India were 165 runs ahead with seven second innings to fall at the close of the fourth day's play here in the fourth unofficial Test against the Commonwealth touring team.

The Commonwealth were all out for 393 runs in their first innings in reply to India's 361 runs, and by the close of play India had made 197 runs for three wickets in their second knock. The match ends tomorrow.

After India had claimed the last three Commonwealth wickets for the addition of only 13 runs to the overnight total of 390 runs for seven wickets, their batsmen gave an unenterprising display.

This laborious batting seemed unaccountable on an easy pitch against an attack which was virtually limited to Derek Shackleton, of Hampshire, and Frank Worrell, of the West Indies.

India did not seem to intend trying to force a decision in the match, and at the close it appeared virtually certain to end in a draw.

Only during the brief tenure of Mushtaq Ali, and in the last 25 minutes of the day, did runs come quickly.

Mushtaq Ali made 38 runs in 75 minutes. Towards the close V. Hazare and D. Phadkar attacked the bowling with spirit, and the last 15 minutes brought 40 runs. Hazare was 50 runs not out at the close.

Earlier, V. Merchant had made 72 runs, with seven fours, in three and a half hours.

The Commonwealth won one of the previous Tests, and the other two were drawn.—Reuter.

105 Golfers In Far East Open

Manila, Jan. 23.

One hundred and five golfers will take part in the 78th annual Far Eastern Open Golf Championship opening Thursday morning at the Vack Wack Golf and Country Club.

The entries included 44 professionals and 61 amateurs. Coleridge Tugot, winner of the first Far Eastern Open, heads the pro list with Larry Montes, ten times winner of the Philippine Open; while Eddie Vargas, low amateur of the first Far Eastern Open, leads the amateur entries.—United Press.

HANS JEPPESEN IN CHARLTON COLOURS



Charlton's new Swedish centre-forward, Hans Jeppson, who was in Hongkong in November with the Djurgardens team of Stockholm, challenges the goalie for the ball while pirouetting for a shot in the match against Sheffield Wednesday.

SIR ARTHUR MORSE'S XV TOO GOOD FORWARD FOR THE OPPOSITION

By "AXIOM"

The long awaited classic between the GOC in C's fifteen and Sir Arthur Morse's XV resulted in a win for the latter by 18 points to 6 in a somewhat disappointing game while the Civilians just managed to defeat the Services by 8 points to 5 in a much more even contest.

Sir Arthur's team laid the foundation of victory forward and all through one could not help but notice that Forsgate, leading the red pack, had much livelier support than his opposite number, Carrel.

Outside the scrum Goldschmidt carried on the good work, setting his three's in motion at every opportunity. On this display Nolan established himself as the best fly-half in the Colony, his distribution all through being first class and his handling well high perfect.

In receipt of such support, Layton, Clayden and McNabb proved too much of a handful for their opposites and delighted the crowd by their clever approach work and but for over anxiousness at crucial moments would have scored on several more occasions.

NEVER IMPRESSED

The GOC's side were struggling against odds all through and never impressed as a combined force. Gower brightened things considerably towards the end with a grand solo try and shortly after Minto scored from a Warner pass but this rally came far too late to effect the issue.

Play commenced with the reds probing deep into the GOC's XV territory when Clayden surprisingly missed an easy penalty. Shortly after another Clayden penalty fell short but Sir Arthur's men were not to be denied and Bogg scrambled over from a loose rack for the first score.

Thomas next converted with a long straight kick to put reds up six points. The GOC's XV, playing in striped jersey, now came away with several concerted attacks. Stewart and Slevin were unfortunate not to have scored, the latter being grassed on the line.

Forsgate, Francis and Morris relieved danger with a fierce rush and from the ensuing scrum McNabb cut through bravely to send Cresswell over well out.

Stripes were soon beaten back from the kick-off and J. Henderson, caught holding, gave Thomas another opportunity to boot three points over. The reds' pack at this stage were featuring in some storming rushes in which, Handcock, Thomas, Francis and Carter were well to the fore and, following splendid backing up, Clayden sent Layton over for a brilliant try which Morris did not convert.

McNabb and Clayden continued to delight the spectators and the latter scored from a grand break in what proved to

be Sir Arthur's XV's final score. A spirited but far too belated rally netted the GOC's XV six points in the last five minutes of the game. The reds were in fine fettle all afternoon and played splendid rugby against a side which never seemed to settle.

Of the backs only Laws and Stewart played to normal standard, Innes has never been seen to worse advantage. Lt. Henderson, Carrel and Minto never gave up an unequal task while Moffat relinquished hooking honours to Bogg.

—United Press.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 25th Jan., to Thursday 1st Feb., 1951 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 11th Jan., 1951.

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J. D. ALEXANDER,
Local Chairman.
Hongkong, 23rd Jan., 1951.

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Holy smoke! He's out.

Yes, it's Frank Clery of the American Club holding a most unfamiliar weapon. He had just been in to bat for the Americans against the Hongkong Cricket Club at Chater Road and contributed six runs—a boundary and two singles—to the Americans' total of 82 runs.—Photo by China Mail Staff Photographer.

RANDOLPH TURPIN KNOCKS OUT SPANISH CHAMPION

Birmingham, Jan. 22.

Randolph Turpin, British Middleweight Champion, knocked out Eduardo Lopez, the Spanish Champion, in the first round of their scheduled 10-round fight here tonight.

Lopez had no chance against the powerful punching of the British Champion, and he was knocked out in 55 seconds.

Looking the picture of fitness, the Spaniard shaped up with a southpaw stance, but from the first close quarter engagement it could be seen that he did not relish Turpin's heavy punches to the body.

NOT WORRIED
The British Champion, not worried by his opponent's awkward style, went into the attack.

After bringing down Lopez's guard with some heavy blows to the ribs he drove him into the corner, landed one or two quick crisp punches and then sent over a short, powerful left hook which sent the Spaniard down for the full count.

At the weigh-in, Turpin scaled 11 stone nine pounds, and Lopez 11 stone and half a pound.

Some of the crowd booed when Lopez failed to get up, but it was clear to those near the ring that he was badly hurt. He remained on the canvas for a long time after the counting finished and was writhing in agony.

Even after he had been taken to his corner he kept shaking his head in an effort to clear the mist before his eyes.

HARDEST PUNCHER

Lopez said in his dressing room, "Turpin is the hardest puncher I have ever met. A right to the heart followed by a left hook which I did not see because of the speed with which it was delivered, was more than I could stand."

The Spaniard was bleeding from the mouth and was still very dazed 10 minutes after reaching his dressing room.

Turpin said that he had spent Saturday in bed with a touch of influenza and declared, "I am going straight home; I've had now because I have not fully shaken off its effects."—Reuter.

OMA TO FILE BANKRUPTCY PETITION

Buffalo, New York, Jan. 22.

Heavyweight Lee Oma's lawyer says he plans to file a bankruptcy petition for the boxer early this week in the Federal Court here.

"The guy's been broke right along. All he's got left is a three-cent stamp," said the lawyer, Nathan D. Seeger. Oma has had legal troubles with his wife and his ex-wife since Ezzard Charles stopped him in a heavyweight title fight on Jan. 12.

SUED FOR SUPPORT

Mrs. Frances Oma sued him in New York shortly after the fight for one-third of the \$23,500 purse. She claimed he owed it for 1950 support of her and a son.

Mrs. Estelle Oma Oils obtained a non-support warrant in Detroit yesterday against "Frank Canewick," Oma's real name. She alleged Oma had paid nothing for four years to support their son. —Associated Press.

—"RECORDED"

German Hat Fashion

This hat, displayed by Mecklenburg Millinery Salon of Berlin in a Dusseldorf Fashion Show is called "Musette." The dark straw net covering the hair and part of the face is trimmed with a wide encircling "blind" of horsehair.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Knarf and Hanid's Train Trip

—Willy Toad Was the Railroad Conductor—

By MAX TRELL

"ALL aboard!" Willy Toad was shouting at the top of his voice. "Train ready to leave! All aboard!"

Knarf and Hanid, who were coming down the hill where the house stood, heard Willy's voice from the edge of the Pine Tree Grove. They were surprised to hear what he was saying. "Is Willy a conductor or something?" Hanid asked.

"He must be pretending to be a conductor!" said Knarf. "There aren't any trains in the Pine Tree Grove."

Nevertheless they hurried down the hill to see what Willy was really doing. By this time they could hear Willy saying: "Tickets, please! Have your tickets ready! All aboard!"

When they reached the edge of the Pine Tree Grove they found Willy standing in front of a large cracked rock. That is, it was a rock about a foot high with a crooked crack running down the middle from top to bottom. It was rather a wide crack. If you were a bug, you could squeeze yourself through it.

Crack in Rock

A little group of beetles, ants and a snail were gathered around the crack in the rock. Willy, wearing a conductor's hat, was standing right by the crack, as though it were a door.

"Tickets, please," he said again. "Train leaving for the other side of the hill, also for the other side of the Pine Tree Grove, also for the other side of the pond! All aboard!"

Just then Willy noticed Knarf and Hanid. "Howdy, Knarf! Howdy, Hanid! Have you got your tickets? Train's about to leave!"

"What train, Willy?" asked Hanid.

"The Underground Express," said Knarf.

Neither Knarf nor Hanid said they had ever heard of such a train. "Where is it?" Knarf wanted to know.

"The station is right on the other side of this crack in the rock. I really shouldn't call it a crack in the rock," Willy corrected himself. "I should call it the gate."

Here the snail and one of the beetles both said in a loud voice: "Are you sure there's a train on the other side, Willy?"

"Absolutely," said Willy. "Tickets, please!"

Knarf looked at Hanid, and Hanid looked at Knarf. They both nodded. Then Hanid said to



Willy called, "All aboard!"

Willy: "All right, Willy—where do we buy our tickets for the train?"

"Right here," replied Willy. And quickly changing his conductor's hat for a ticket-seller's hat, he said: "How many tickets, please? And where to?"

"Two tickets to the other side of the hill," said Hanid. "How much are they?"

Took the Tickets

"Five blue-bottle flies," said Willy. "Pay me later when you catch them." Knarf and Hanid took the tickets. Then, after Willy had changed back to his conductor's hat, they gave him the tickets; he punched them and said: "Go right through!" So Knarf and Hanid, pulling themselves together, squeezed through the crack.

Sure enough, they found themselves in a sort of dim railroad station. There were a lot of other passengers waiting—more beetles and ants and snails—for the train to start. In fact, as Knarf and Hanid suddenly saw, these passengers were already sitting on (not in) the train.

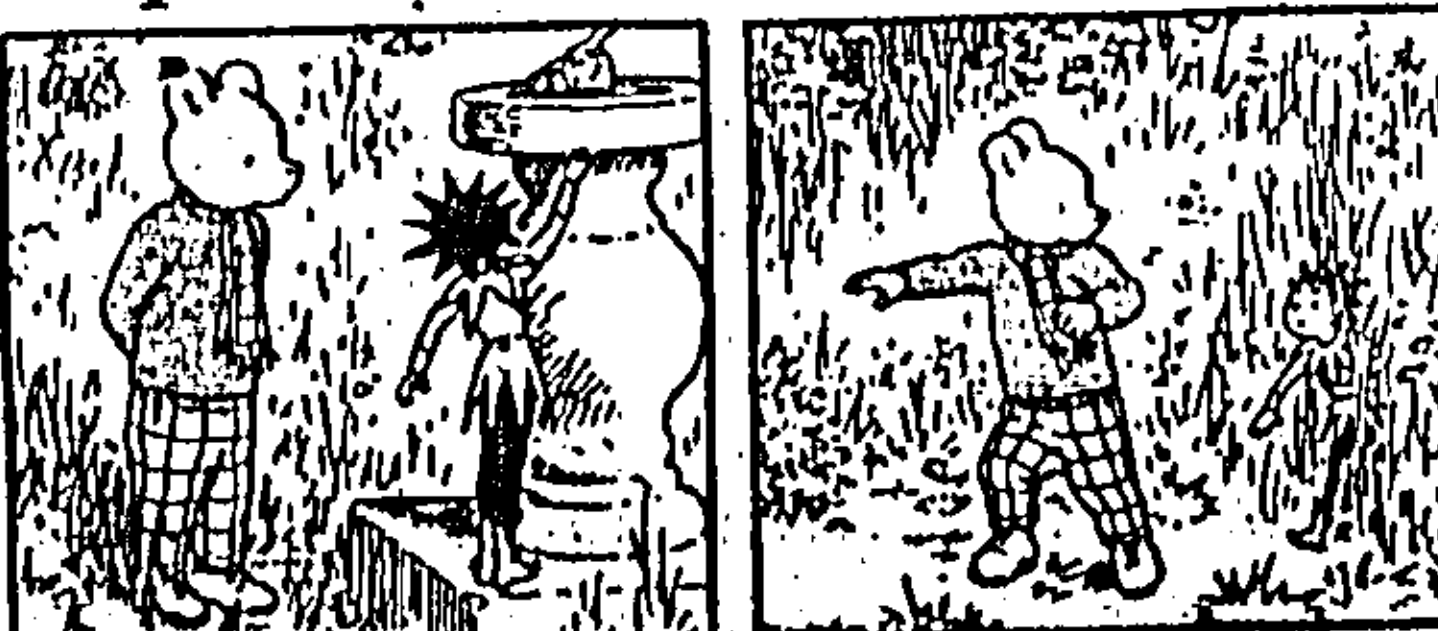
The train turned out to be five or six earthworms, one right behind the other. "It's a worm train!" cried Hanid.

And that's what it was! Knarf and Hanid joined the others on the worm train. Soon, with a shrill whistle from the first, or locomotive worm, the train started crawling off, wriggling and swaying as it went. The whole trip was underground, deep, deep under.

When finally the train stopped at the next station, Knarf and Hanid got out. "This time they crept out from under a fallen log. And sure enough, there they were, on the other side of the hill!" "Willy," said Knarf to Hanid, "was right the whole time! It's a wonderful train!"

"The Underground Worm Express!" said Knarf.

Rupert's Autumn Primrose—31



Rupert is very excited at what he has heard. "That's what is happening," he cries. "No wonder Mary is so contrary! I saw that map only a few minutes ago! He ran straight towards the tunnel, then he stopped to rest. Yes, says the old. I've noticed before that the rock crack finished at the tunnel." **ALL RIGHTS RESERVED**

"Take It Off"

New York. Ever since Ruth Douglas can remember, she has had to watch her waistline.

If it hadn't measured an ample 37 inches, however, the chances are there never would have been an organization called "Fatties Anonymous."

The 31-year-old Mrs. Douglas, a native of Oak Park, Illinois, organized the "Fatties" during the war. She said it just seemed to be getting a good national foothold.

She figured perhaps her forthcoming book called "Take It Off" to be published in the spring, might help spread the organization's doctrine of reducing through co-operation.

Help One Another Mrs. Douglas explained: "Our purpose is to get plump people together, let them air their problems, check on their reducing progress, and let them encourage each other to slim down."

Mrs. Douglas, who once weighed 254 pounds, said diet was a part of the "Fatties" programme but only when recommended by a physician. "What we actually try to do," she explained, "is find out why people are fat and then take from there. Once you've overcome the cause, the other is easy."

She said the organization's theories about why people are plump were backed by science. "Only two out of every 100 fat people are that way because of glandular disturbance," she explained. "The other 98 are plump because they eat too much. But they eat too much because of emotional disturbances."

Vicious Circle

"Fat people are unhappy and they try to make up for it by eating," Mrs. Douglas said. "Eating makes them plumper and they get unhappy. Oh, it's a vicious circle."

The way to cure this, she thinks, is through readjustment of mental attitudes. Group action is the answer, said the organization president, who is working towards a degree in psychology from New York University.

Mrs. Douglas thinks "Fatties Anonymous" has much in common with "Alcoholics Anonymous." Members of both are victims of over-indulgence. "Fatties are stomach drunks," she added. "We reach for a sweet instead of a Scotch."

Mrs. Douglas has slimmed from that 254 pounds to 200 and still is dropping the pounds, simply by refusing second helpings. She's aiming for 150 pounds by spring. —United Press.

Looking Lovely In Record Time

By HELEN FOLLETT

There comes a time, now and then, in the life of every young woman when she must look her best at short notice. You may have had a hurried day, things going wrong, small irritations arising. You gaze into the mirror with horror at your erstwhile presentable self looking all played out. Then you get a telephone call. Friends are passing through town. Won't you have dinner with them? Maybe have fun afterwards, going to the theatre or dancing. You had intended to go to bed early.

You have just so much time. Will you put a cold compress over your weary eyes and relax, or will you have a hot bath? Choose the bath that is restful at first, taking the aches out of your bones, and stimulating afterwards.

Cream your face when you're in the tub. Oil and moist air will bring colouring to wan cheeks. You will be amazed at the clear, transparent appearance of your skin. Dull eyes will come to life and sparkle. Know why? Because of the stimulation of sluggish circulation. Fatigue slumps up the body processes. Your warm bath has caused the blood streams to pick up and march.

A Rub Down

A rub down with a coarse towel should follow, then a brisk friction with eau de Cologne, toilet water or a fragrant bath tonic to make you smell sweet all the evening long.

Remove the cream from your face, apply an astringent with pads of absorbent cotton, apply a foundation cosmetic. If you won't have to be patching up a synthetic complexion during the social festivities. Follow the directions carefully. Many women never read directions on cosmetics, so do not get the full benefit of them.

Apply powder lightly, add more if necessary, then get a smooth even film by using the powder brush, a cute little item that should be included in every girl's beauty equipment. If you have to get ready for a hurry-up date, a bath is a fine pre-arrangement. Cream face while in the tub and the moist air will bring colour to your cheeks.

BUTTER ICING

I WANT A LESSON IN BUTTER-ICING, MUM

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OR COLOUR GREEN AND FLAVOUR WITH ALMOND ESSENCE

OR COLOUR AND FLAVOUR WITH COFFEE ESSENCE

OR MIX 1 OZ COCOA OR CHOCOLATE POWDER SMOOTHLY WITH 1 OR 2 TABLE SPOONS WATER AND BOIL TO A SMOOTH BATTER

ADD THIS WHEN COOLD TO THE VANILLA FLAVOURED BUTTER ICING

AND FOR SOMETHING REAL SPECIAL ADD A SPOT OF COFFEE ESSENCE, TOO!

EILEEN ASCROFT picks—

London's best-dressed women

THE best dressed women in the world have just been named for 1950 by the New York Institute of Fashion Designers. Without exception, they are wealthy women who spend a fortune on their clothes.

Apart from the Duchess of Windsor, who is internationally recognised as a leader of fashion, I could name several Londoners who, for elegance and taste, would make some of their American counterparts look like over-dressed Christmas trees.

The Duchess of Kent would be my first choice. Although a Royal duchess, she is far from wealthy, but her appearance is elegant and perfect.

'UNDER-PLAYING'

Next comes Mrs. Margaret Sweeney, who underplays a beautiful effect instead of over-playing it. Whatever the occasion, you never see her wearing too much jewellery, too many colours or the wrong accessories. She believes in basically simple styles and good materials beautifully tailored. She has a positive genius for "mad" French hats.

On the British stage I would place Vivien Leigh as first lady of fashion. She manages to look glamorous without decking herself up to kill like the average English star.

In the teen-age group there is Petula Clark, who always appears well groomed, but never looks a year older than she really is.

Among the older women Mrs. Winston Churchill is noted for simplicity and dignity in her clothes.

'MY BEST DRESS'

"THE most beautiful dress I made in 1950" was described to me by two of London's top designers. Both, in a year of straight, slim lines, surprisingly featured enormously full skirts.

Norman Hartnell named the black velvet crinoline he made for Queen Elizabeth to wear at the Royal Film Performance. It

Ribbon will be an important fashion note in the Paris spring collections.

Advance renovation ideas show red moiré ribbon used to a one-shoulder wash effect, on a strapless white evening gown.



had to be simple and black because the court was in mourning for Sweden's King Gustav. Undecorated, the crinoline was made of 10 yards of 54-in. black velvet over large hooped petticoats.

Fifty yards of white chiffon made the décolleté full-skirted evening gown chosen by Peter Russell. It was for film star James Stewart's dark, attractive wife Gloria, was decorated with white full-blown roses down one side, and was created for a special party.

OTHER WOMEN'S LIVES

ONE of England's only two women KCs. 36-year-old brunette Rose Hellbron, combines an interesting legal career, which brings her about £5,000 a year, with domesticity as the wife of Liverpool surgeon Nathaniel Bursteln.

Efficient, attractive and cheerful, she brings the same clear intelligence to whatever job she has on hand, whether it is preparing dinner in her Liverpool kitchen; doing the family shopping in her five-seater Triumph, or appearing in court in her small court wig and special feminine KC's gown cut more slim-fitting and less billowy than the masculine version.

Among her most notable recent cases was the defence of George Kelly at the Camoo cinema murder trial.

Chief recreations from court and domestic life are gardening and golf. Her husband complains that her advocate's training gives her a tendency "to argue a little too much over the finer points of the game."

Subjects nearest to her heart are women's welfare and the

Ribbon Says A Lot



By ALICE ALDEN

RIBBON ties up the mode brightly and securely. Some of the smartest, prettiest and most useful accessories we have seen in many a season are made entirely of ribbon. Here is a delectable one of ribbon

Your Sewing Scrapbook

by Mary Brooks Picken

For Dancing—A Swish-swish Skirt in Your Two Favourite Colours

EVERY young woman who likes to dance enjoys a taffeta skirt—especially when it is of two of her favourite colours.

Though calico is a favourite for skirts for square dancing, taffeta is a close second—and for date-dancing, taffeta tops the list.

Two Skirt Lengths

Buy two skirt lengths (each measured from waistline to hem, plus 5") of two different colours of 50"-wide taffeta—for instance, one length of cerise red and one a bright navy.

Straighten fabric. For waistband tear a 2" strip from one selvage of each skirt length. Fold each skirt piece in half lengthwise, so selvage and lengthwise raw edge come together.

Lay with fold toward you. Measure as indicated in diagram.

Chalk line from A to B and cut on this line. This will give you three gores in each colour.

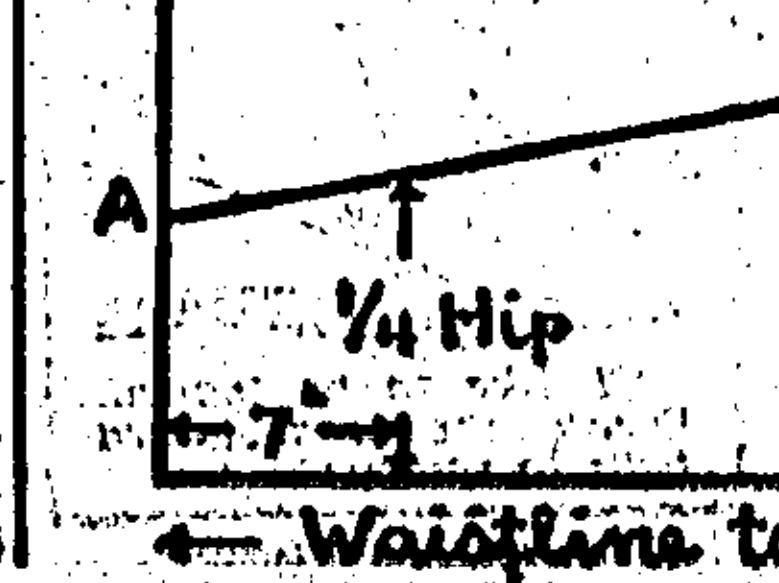
Pin skirt together, lengthwise edges of side gores to bias edges of front and back panels. This brings bias edges at sides.

Alternate colours so you have a red centre front and a blue centre back or vice versa. Stitch all seams.

Begin left side seam 7" down from top to provide pocket. Make zipper pocket, following instructions that come with skirt zipper.

Rows of Shirring

Gathering waistline with two rows of shirring. Adjust gathers to size of waistband.



For waistband, use 2" selvage strips, cutting strips to waist measure plus 2" for overlap.

Lay right sides of waistband together, and stitch along raw edges and across both ends. Turn right-side out and press.

Baste waistband to gathered skirt, placing right side of strip to wrong side of skirt. Stitch.

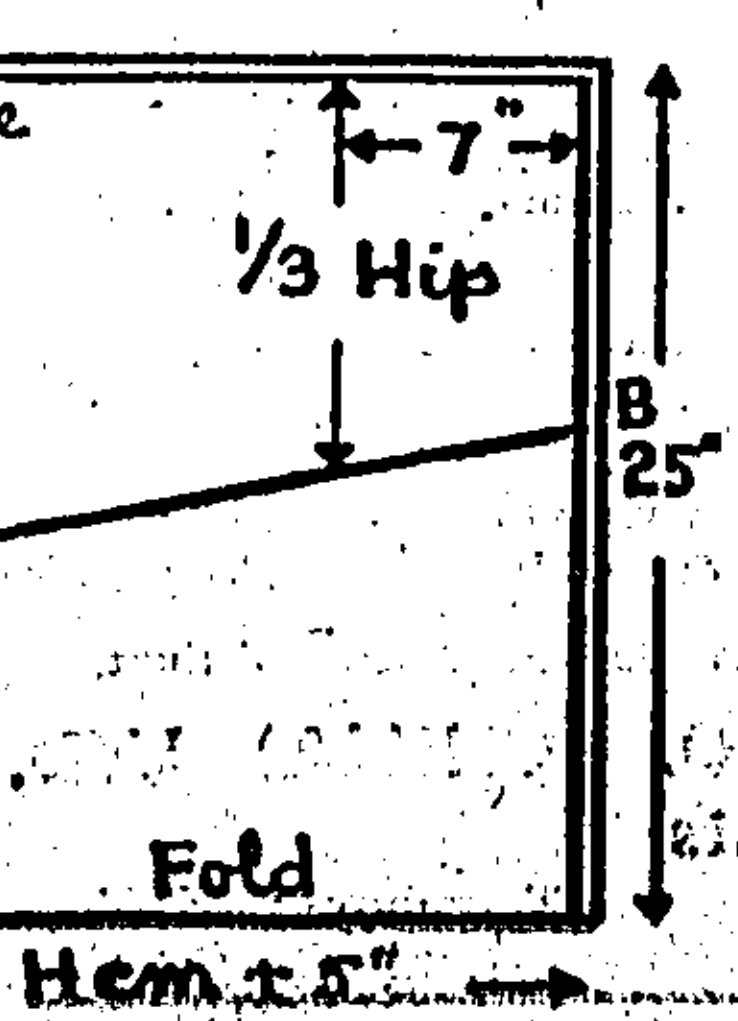
To Right Side

Bring second-selvage over to right side of skirt, turn it under and stitch, stitching all around edge of waistband for tailored finish.

Use a hook and eye or button and buttonhole to fasten waistband.

Put skirt on. Even bottom edge. Mark for hem. Remove skirt. Turn and slip-stitch hem.

This skirt would also be striking in a black-and-white combination, lovely in green and brown, or orange and brown—or nice if made in the school colours of your best beau.



Attractive Lines

OBLIQUE lines dominate this flattering dress of plum coloured faille (below). The surplus line of the bodice continues down into the skirt, fastening with covered buttons. The balance of the seaming of the skirt subscribes to the same line, and is released in a fully flared bell from the knee, a most important silhouette this season.



Dress of plum faille.



Attractive daytime dress.

DESPITE all the excitement about colour, navy blue, that dependable old standby, is doing all right, especially in top-flight collections. Navy blue-woolens is the material for this attractive daytime dress (above). The neckline, bound in black velvet, can be worn open or closed, as shown. A quartette of buttons at the bottom of the skirt matches those of the bodice closing. The panner pocket is also velvet-bound, and it accentuates the slender lines of the neat skirt.

CASSEROLE SPECIALS

INGENUITY and imagination are two important aids to beating the kitchen budget. The run-of-the-meat cook sees a tin of soup as just that, but the clever cook sees it also as a wonderful and inexpensive ingredient to make a good dish taste even better as well as being an inexpensive quick-cut and a good time-saver.

Pork is in good supply now, so it might be an idea to treat the family to an excellent pork chop casserole. To serve 6 dredge 6 pork chops with 3 dredge flour which has been mixed with 1/2 cup milk and a pinch of pepper. Brown dredged chops on both sides in a skillet in hot fat. Pour all except one (bop. of fat out of the skillet; empty in one tin of condensed cream of mushroom soup, stirring well. Add 1 1/2 c. water; heat, and pour mixture over the chops. Cover and bake at 350 F. for 75 min.

Now for an especially tasty casserole with a pineapple top: Cut 1/2 c. chicken and 1/2 c. ham in 1/4-inch dice. Combine with 2 c. cooked rice, one tin condensed chicken gumbo soup, and 2 tbsp. chopped pineapple. Mix well and put in 6- or 8- individual casseroles. Place a pineapple ring on each and on pineapple sprinkle top brown sugar, dot with butter and put in 3 cups. Bake at 375 F. for 20-25 min. or until pineapple is golden.



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"TEUCER"	8th Jan.	12th Feb.
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SHIP	TO	DATE
"BENCROUCHAN"	Liverpool, Glasgow, & Rotterdam	3rd Feb.
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BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

AN article about birds questions whether the swan really sings before dying. Anyhow, it is an idea that has inspired poets and musicians.

In Sibyllus' "Swan of Tuonela," you can hear the rustling of the reeds as the bird glides majestically along, and you probably recall, as you listen, Yeats's:

When the swan must fix his eye
Upon a fading gleam,
Float out upon a long
Last reach of glittering stream,
And there sing his last song.

Or, for a different mood, there is Mr. Belloe's salute to a lady singing.

Swans sing before they die, Sing on, sing on.

Oh, how I wish that you had been a swan!

The trombone controversy

DEAR Sir,
Our grandmothers were always fainting with horror at the idea of a married woman playing the trombone in public. That shows their hypocrisy. How many of them sneaked away to play it in private? It is beside the question for Mrs. Seidler to quote the case of a mother who practises at the breakfast table in a small house or flat. That is merely to bring the trombone into discredit. Equally beside the point is her story of the wife who plays the trombone in bed while her husband is trying to read. Such cases are exceptions.

I do all my practising in a potting shed. For those who have no potting shed, there are the Delamere Evening Classes for Women Trombonists. "Off you go," says my husband when I set out with my trombone, and

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DUMB BELLS
60 YOU'VE BEEN TO PARIS - DON'T THE FRENCH BANDS PLAY THE FRENCH MAYONNAISE BEAUTIFULLY?

AT 4.15 tomorrow morning Mrs. Hill, of Guernsey-avenue, Toft Park, will step into the water at Hythe, pushing a rubber wheelbarrow in front of her. This will be the first attempt to push a wheelbarrow from Hythe to Calais. "It would like Britain to be the pioneer," said Mrs. Hill smilingly, "especially after losing the Test Matches." Her husband, who is a billiard-marker, nodded.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

THIS SLAM CONTRACT Can Be Made

By OSWALD JACOBY

"HOW do we stay out of this slam?" asks a Phoenix correspondent. "North thinks that South overbid when he jumped from three clubs to four hearts. North says that three no-trump was quite enough, and that even a cue-bid of three spades would warn North that there was duplication of values.

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Price Of Soap Raised

Cincinnati, Jan. 22. The Procter and Gamble Company announced an increase of approximately six per cent. in the wholesale price of its soap products. The increase becomes effective on Saturday.

The increase is the first by Procter and Gamble this year but there were four price advances in 1950. —Associated Press.

Wall Street Absorbs A Heavy Blow

Sharp Drop In Many Stock Issues

New York, Jan. 22. The stock market absorbed a heavy body blow in the final hour, but was still on its feet at the close. Oils dropped sharply. Aircrafts fell with them. Steels joined the slide and so did chemicals and tyres.

The tape ran late for four minutes. When the flurry ended many issues moved up from their lows but the damage had been done and the market closed 1 to 3 dollars a share lower. It was the second sharpest setback of the year and the heaviest since Jan. 10.

Turnover totalled 2,570,000 shares. In the last hour, however, when prices were at their worst, 900,000 shares were sold. The steel industry had two distinct items of news. Early in the afternoon, the Government announced a further reduction in the amount of steel for civilian use. In the afternoon, the industry announced that its output this week will cross the 2,000,000 mark for the first time in its history.

Dow Jones averages at the end of the session stood as follows:—

50 Industrials 244.33
 20 rails 83.30
 15 utilities 42.21
 40 bonds 103.1

—United Press.

London Stock Exchange

London, Jan. 22. The Stock Exchange marked time today against the reconvening of Parliament tomorrow. Industrial stocks were selectively firmer along with leading mine and oil issues.

British Government bonds shed 1/16 to 3/4 of a point where changed.

The Financial Times' Index was 119.5—Associated Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Jan. 22. The tin market was fairly steady this morning. Turnover was 150 tons, including 50 tons for cash.

Prices closed today at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers 1235
 Spot tin, sellers 1240
 Business done at 1235-1240
 Three-months tin, buyers 1235
 Three-months tin, sellers 1235
 Business done at 1235-1240
 Settlement 1235

—United Press.

Dollar Bonds Quiet

New York, Jan. 22. The foreign dollar bond market was quiet today.—Associated Press.

U.S. TREASURY POSITION

Washington, Jan. 22. U.S. Treasury position on Jan. 18 compared with the corresponding figure a year ago.

Total Debt, \$23,950,000,000 and \$23,450,000,000
 Gold Assets \$22,450,000,000 and \$22,450,000,000
 —Associated Press.

Communist China's Favourable Trade Balance

San Francisco, Jan. 22. In 10 months of trading from January to October, 1950, Communist China recorded a favourable export balance of 32.23 percent of total imports, Peking Radio reported tonight.

In both the export and import fields State trading establishments did more business than privately-operated organisations. The figures were:

Export—State trading bodies 64.35 percent; Private concerns 45.65 percent.

Import—State trading bodies 69.94 percent; Private concerns 30.06 percent.

China's chief exports were: soybeans, tung oil, hog bristles, peanuts, eggs, tea, mineral ores. Her chief imported goods were instalments and raw materials for industrial production, the Radio said.

It added that the old method of complicated Customs inspection had been simplified. Up to the end of 1949, according to preliminary statistics, tariff receipts were 144.47 percent of the year's estimated quota.

CUSTOMS CHANGED

The broadest claimant that there had also been great achievements in the prohibition of smuggling.

It further said, "There have been big reforms in the Customs houses throughout China by themselves and have put into force sovereign Customs rights."—Reuter.

Rearmament Effect On British Exports

Mr Gaitskell, Chancellor of the Exchequer, referred to the impact of the defence programme on industry when he addressed members of the Institute of Export.

Mr Gaitskell said that in the last two months the volume of exports had risen to a level which was practically 80 percent above that of 1947, when the pre-war level had already been regained.

Great progress had been made since devaluation in building up what they believed would be long-term markets in North America, especially in Canada. The proceeds of our exports were needed not only to pay for our imports but for the financing of investment abroad and the repayment of debt. These were important responsibilities towards overseas economic development, particularly in the undeveloped parts of the Commonwealth.

The impact of defence was bound to be specially concentrated initially on the engineering industry. This created a dilemma because this industry was the mainstay of our export trade and the source from which the rest of industry derived its equipment for replacement or for new investment. Thus, additional defence orders were likely to conflict with exports or with home investment rather than with current consumption at home.

INDUSTRIAL FUTURE

They could not altogether prevent the burden of rearmament falling, so to speak, in the wrong place, but they could mitigate the possible damage to our exports and our industrial future by greater productivity in the field of engineering—the first condition to that being adequate supplies of raw materials—and by making good any diminution in our exports of machinery and equipment by increased exports of consumer goods. This, in turn, meant keeping down demand at home and diverting supplies from the home to the export market.

We were moving into a new economic situation. Inflationary pressure in the world was growing, prices were rising, and scarcity and shortages were beginning to appear. We had to rearm swiftly, but must not throw away our recovery nor sacrifice the economic independence that had been regained, nor must the foundation of our industrial progress be weakened by cutting down too far the supply of new equipment for industry. Our policy must be as far as we could to "pay as we go."

Black Pepper Futures

New York, Jan. 22. Black pepper futures closed 3 to 5 cents a pound lower, with no sales reported. A quiet situation prevailed in the spot market. Price control uncertainties and lower Indian cables took the edge off buying interest. Spot supplies moved in a limited way early in the day around \$1.75 a pound with other sellers holding 1 to 2 cents higher.

Afloat offerings ranged between 1.00 and 1.70 a pound. Resellers quoted January shipment around \$1.05, early February \$1.02 and March \$1.50 a pound, on an ex-dock basis. Prices closed today as follows:

January 1.75 nominal
 February 1.73
 March 1.65 asked
 May 1.60
 —United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business transacted on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at 173,290. The half day's business and noon prices were as follows:—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

HSK Bank 1200 25 @ 1200
 HSBC 610 63 100 @ 630
 Union 20 @ 620
 DOCKS, ETC. 72 100 @ 72
 K. Wharf 14 @ 72
 220 @ 72 1/2

DOCK, ETC.

Provident 11
 Wheelock 10 1/4
 LAND, ETC. 610 670
 HK Land 23 1/2
 Shai Land 1.00

UTILITIES

C. Light (O) 11 100 @ 11.25
 C. Light (N) 3.30 3 1/4
 C. Light (B) 5.30 5.20
 Electric 22 1/2 500 @ 22
 203 @ 22 1/2

INDUSTRIALS

Centiment 11
 ROPE 11 1/4
 STORES, ETC. 10 1/4 100 @ 10 1/4
 Dairy (New) 20 1/2
 Watson 20 1/2
 L. Crawford 400 @ 20
 COTTONS

Ewo 2.30 2.60

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Jan. 22. World sugar futures closed today unchanged to 1 lower, with sales totalling 150 contracts. Contract No. 6 closed today unchanged to a point lower, with sales totalling 24 contracts. Prices closed today as follows:—

Contract No. 4 (world) 5.07 bid
 January 5.07 nominal
 May 5.07 bid
 July 5.07
 Spot 5.08

Contract No. 5 (world) 5.44 bid
 January 5.44 bid
 March 5.47 traded
 May 5.50 bid
 July 5.50
 Spot 5.50

—United Press.

New York Rubber Steadier

New York, Jan. 22. Rubber futures developed a steadier undertone. Sales on the Commodity Exchange Incorporated amounted to 2 contracts, and prices closed 350 to 400 points higher. Prices closed today as follows:—

Spot 72 1/2
 March 69.50 nominal
 May 69.00 nominal
 July 68.50 nominal
 —United Press.

Exchange Rates In New York

New York, Jan. 22. Closing foreign exchange:

Canada 90.00
 Britain 235.00
 Belgium 1.00 1/4
 France 0.22 1/2
 Holland 0.10 1/4
 Portugal 3.48
 Sweden 23.25
 Switzerland 22.25
 Argentina 7.25
 Brazil 5.50
 Mexico 11.57
 Venezuela 30.00
 Hong Kong 17.85
 —Associated Press.

NEW YORK BANK QUOTATIONS

New York, Jan. 22. Closing bank quotations:

Bank of America 2 1/2 asked
 Chase National Bank 3 1/4 30 1/2
 National City Bank 4 1/4 47 1/2
 —Associated Press.

New York Metals

New York, Jan. 22. Prices in the metal market here closed unchanged today with the following expectations:

Tin, Grade A (\$9.80 per lb. or higher) New York, per lb. 175.50.—United Press.

NEW YORK COPPER

New York, Jan. 22. Copper futures closed unchanged.

April 27.00
 —Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the London market at the following rates:

sterling note (per £) 16.48
 100 dollars (per \$1) 0.59
 1000 guilders (per 1000) 2.40
 1000 francs (per 1000) 23.25
 Singapore (strait) 12.00
 HK (per 100) 12.00

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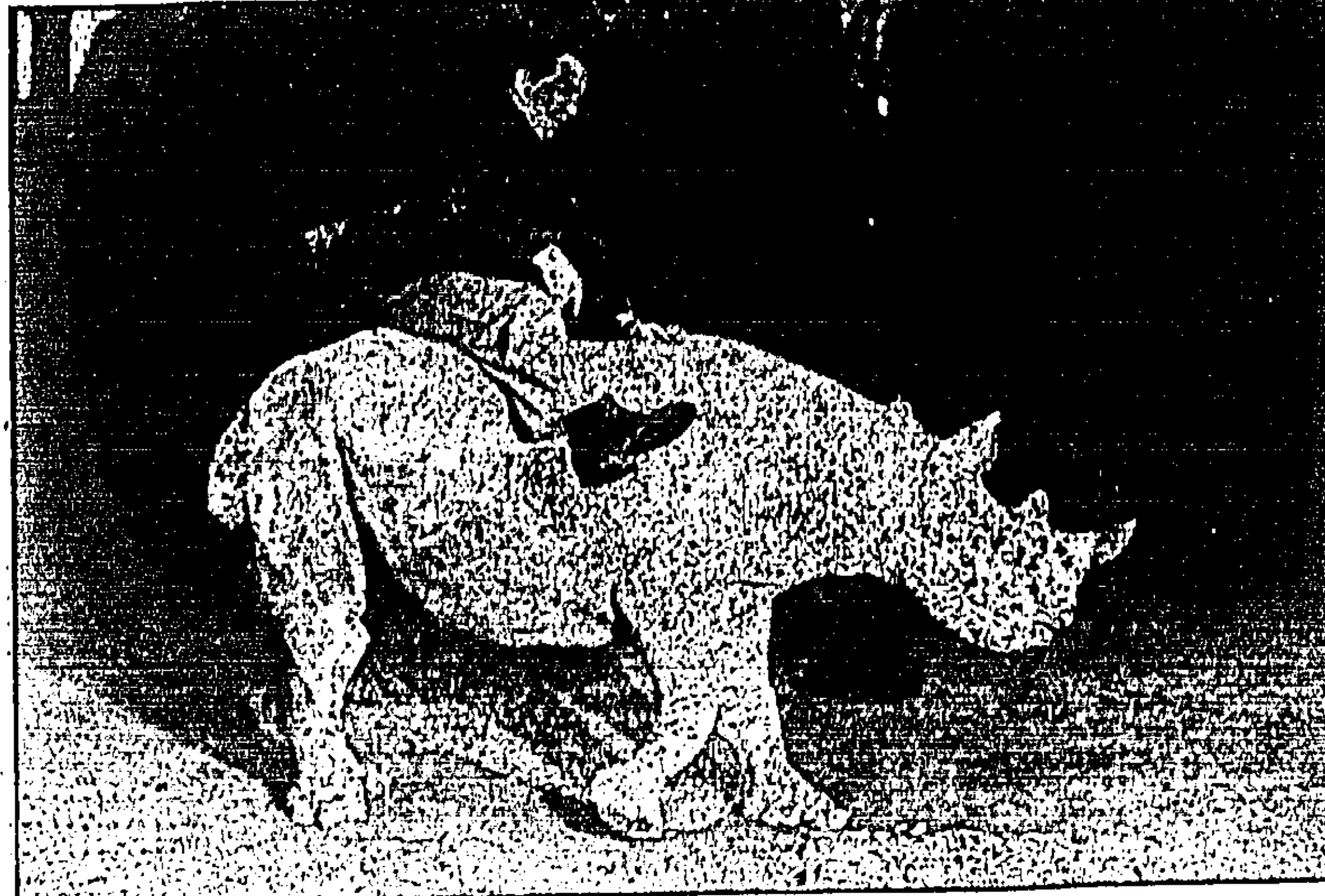
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Formosa, 5 p.m.
Japan & N.W. Europe, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea:
Indo-China, 3 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
Closing Times By Air:
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Okinawa, 2 p.m.
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Ceylon, Great Britain, N.W. Europe and France, 5 p.m.
Indo-China, 3 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea:
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
Closing Times By Air:
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Japan & Korea, 5 p.m.
Philippines, 5 p.m.
Indo-China, 3 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea:
Malaya, 2 p.m.
Indo-China, 3 p.m.
Philippines, 3 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
Closing Times By Air:
B.N. Borneo, Australia and New Zealand, 9 p.m.
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
Closing Times By Air:
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Siam, 5 p.m.



THIS LOOKS EASY . . . But Frankfurt Zoo keeper Franz Eck cleared the barrier just one step ahead of the horns after choosing the softer end for a ride on one of the zoo's two rhinos. — AP Picture.

Vietminh Forces Lose Heavily

Saigon, Jan. 22. A French unit, aided by aircraft, has inflicted heavy losses on strong Vietminh forces in the Sontay area about 30 miles north-west of Hanoi, a French communiqué said tonight.

French Union forces attacked Vietminh positions north and east of Phulung Thung, 30 miles north-east of Hanoi, inflicting losses.

In a night operation in the Cauhai lagoon, south of Hue, central Vietnam, the French captured 23 Vietminh prisoners and much material, the communiqué said.

The French Red Cross in reply to a Vietminh proposal, have suggested a meeting place just south of Vietri to discuss the repatriation of seriously wounded prisoners with the Vietminh Red Cross.

The French command are prepared to suspend air activity in the region on that day.—Reuter.

Reporting Back To Washington

Manila, Jan. 23. Mr. Donald Heath, United States Minister to Vietnam, stopped here last night en route to Washington for consultations with the State Department.

Mr. Heath told newsmen the military situation in Indo-China has improved considerably since General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny took command of French forces there six weeks ago.

He described the French General as "energetic"—Associated Press.

Late Korean War Front Despatch

New Red Force Sighted

Tokyo, Jan. 23. A Communist force estimated at 2,500 men was reported today approximately 35 miles from the east coast city of Kangnung.

Around Ichon United Nations patrols probed to nine miles northeast of Ichon but reported no contact with the enemy. A patrol stalling northeast of that town discovered 15 bundles of 82 mm mortar ammunition and picked up six prisoners—two said they were from the Second North Korean Division.

Two civilians claimed the Chinese Communists entered Ichon, forced them to carry the ammunition and then left them there to guard it. Reinforced patrols stalling south of Seoul in the hide-and-seek war of the Western front reached points six miles south-west of Suwon, five miles south of Suwon and six miles southeast of Suwon. One prisoner of five North Koreans flushed one mile north of Osan said he was from the Eighth North Korean Division and civilians said Red Chinese were hiding west of Osan.

A dispatch passed through only: "A Communist force of about 2,500 has been reported 15 miles southwest of Andong." This would place the strong enemy group somewhere near the highway route into the old Pusan peninsula and some 90 miles behind the Allied front near Yanggwol.—United Press.

HEAVY TRAFFIC
Tokyo, Jan. 22. Heavy Communist road and rail traffic was reported by United States light bomber crews returning to their bases this morning from over 50 night intruder flights deep into North Korea.

This traffic was seen along two main highways funneling into Seoul from two important North Korean centres: Sinanju, on the west coast, and Hamhung, near the east coast. The reports failed to indicate into which direction the heavy vehicular traffic was heading.

An Eighth Army communiqué this morning revealed that United Nations patrols failed to contact any Communist troops in most of their aggressive probing attempts along the front running generally east-west through central Korea.

An Eighth Army communiqué said that no Communist contact was reported by United Nations units which advanced to positions five miles south and six miles south-west and south-east of Suwon on Monday afternoon.

No Communist contact was reported by United Nations elements in areas five miles east of Osan and south and east of Kumyangjangil. Patrols dispatched from Ichon to the north-east reached Ipo, nine miles away, with no reports of contact. United Nations forces patrolling in the Ichon area also failed to contact the Communists.—Reuter.

CONFISCATED

One 22 revolver and 17 rounds of ammunition found on board the ss. President McKinley on January 13 without ownership was ordered to be confiscated by Mr. Wicks at Kowloon this morning.

MAN YIELDS TO TEMPTATION: SENT TO PRISON

Sentence of 15 months' hard labour was passed by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. E. H. Williams, at the Criminal Sessions this morning on Wong Ming, alias Fan Ming, 35, typist, who was unanimously found guilty by an all-male Jury of committing an act of indecency against another Chinese man, Hong Ngok, at Victoria Remand Prison on December 20 last year.

Both accused and the complainant were detained in the Prison at the time and the offence was committed when both men were occupants of the same cell.

Accused denied the offence, and alleged that he was first interfered with by the complainant.

The Prosecution was conducted by Mr. J. Reynolds (Crown Counsel), assisted by Det-Insp. Frank Roberts.

After the Jury had returned their verdict, following 20 minutes' deliberation, accused, a native of Nanking, asked the Court for leniency. He said he was working as a typist at the time he was detained, and was a married man with two children.

Mr. Reynolds said there was nothing known against accused, who had been in the Colony for two years. Accused was unfortunate to have been in prison; he was unable to pay a fine of \$25 for a minor offence.

In reply to the Court, Mr. Reynolds agreed that the offence with which the accused was charged was rare in the Colony, and probably would not have occurred but for the large prison population which necessitated the incarceration of three men in one cell.

In passing sentence, the Acting Chief Justice remarked that he was satisfied that there was no justification for the defence raised by the accused that the complainant was a consenting party, and he was firmly convinced that complainant's version of what had occurred was the correct one.

"There are factors which lead me to treat your offence a little lighter than otherwise," said Mr. Justice Williams. "In the first place, you had borne a good character hitherto, and secondly, you found yourself in circumstances which led you into temptation which normally would not have tempted you into such an offence."

New Uses For Lignite

Washington, Jan. 22. Now uses for lignite, a fuel that for centuries has been known as one of the poorer members of the coal family, have been discovered in America.

The United States Bureau of Mines is converting raw lignite into multi-purpose industrial gas which can be used for making synthetic petrol, alcohol, ammonia and dyes.—Reuter.

Excess Number Of Passengers

Wong Muk 25, master of passenger boat No. A417V was fined \$65 by Mr. T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning for carrying excess passengers. The prosecuting officer, Sub-Inspector Nippard, said that defendant's boat was intercepted in mid-stream after leaving ship anchorage at buoy A10 with three persons in excess of the number allowed by his licence.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

The first, second and fourth clues are consistent with four possible solutions of which the correct one is a combination of two, and the third is a statement of fact. We have:

1. (1)Nigaw (1)toong (2)kui hui (3) hui (3). I'm not going with him.
2. (1)Nigaw (1)toong (2)kui hui (3) hui (3). He and I are both going.
3. (1)Nigaw (1)toong (2)kui hui (3) hui (3). I'm not going with him.
4. (1)Nigaw (1)toong (2)kui hui (3) hui (3). I'm not going with him.
5. (1)Nigaw (1)toong (2)kui hui (3) hui (3). I'm not going with him.
6. (1)Nigaw (1)toong (2)kui hui (3) hui (3). I'm not going with him.
7. (1)Nigaw (1)toong (2)kui hui (3) hui (3). I'm not going with him.
8. (1)Nigaw (1)toong (2)kui hui (3) hui (3). I'm not going with him.
9. (1)Nigaw (1)toong (2)kui hui (3) hui (3). I'm not going with him.
10. (1)Nigaw (1)toong (2)kui hui (3) hui (3). I'm not going with him.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. The fabulous kingdom of tiny people, described by Swift in 'Gulliver's Travels'.
2. They are a small group of blacks in the Pacific Ocean, about 1,800 miles west of Honolulu. S. One thousand.
3. A man and a woman. S. The Malay Peninsula, extending into the China Sea. S. Beathwaite in Borrowdale, Cumberland.

Huks Burn An Island Village

Manila, Jan. 23. Communist Hukbalahaps burned a Panay Island village, destroying 42 Nipa huts and leaving 427 persons homeless, the Philippine National Red Cross reported.

Dr. Carolina Sison, Red Cross Administrator in Iloilo City, said four persons were injured fighting the fire. She said Huk fire to a hut at the edge of Tolas, near the town of San Joaquin. Fanned by strong winds, the blaze spread rapidly, she said.

Dr. Sison said the Red Cross distributed clothing to 427 victims—272 adults and 155 children.

On Ludon Island, where government forces are engaged in their "biggest drive thus far" against the Huks, the Army destroyed 70 Nueva Ecija Province civilian guards on suspicion that they were "in league with the Huk."

A field report said government forces killed 19 Huks in Laguna Province, South of Manila. The report said two soldiers were killed and one wounded in the operation. Associated Press.

NEW HEADQUARTERS

Manila, Jan. 23. The Defence Secretary, Mr. Ramon Maguiness, and Brigadier General Duque, acting Armed Forces Chief of Staff, will establish temporary headquarters somewhere in Central Luzon shortly to intensify the all-out drive on the Communist-led Huk forces.

Close co-ordination between the high command and combat units is expected to be achieved by the establishment of the new headquarters.

Meanwhile, the Army's "Operation Sabre," launched in Northern and Central Luzon five days ago, has taken a toll of 38 Huk killed and captured 44 Huk barracks of varying sizes and 26 huts.

Nineteen Huks were reported killed in encounters in the past two days in Southern Luzon, with the Army losing two enlisted men killed and one wounded.

An official report said 70 temporary policemen were disarmed by the Army in Nueva Ecija in Central Luzon on suspicion that they were in league with the Huks.—United Press.

This Morning's Review



Colonel McNally speaks to an MP during his inspection this morning of the 40th Infantry Division Provost Company. Story below. (Staff Photographer)

Provost Company Inspected

The white belts and gaiters and red caps of 40 Infantry Division Provost Company made a bright splash of colour on Whitfield Barracks parade ground this morning.

The Company, under the command of Maj. K. A. A. Wilson, was drawn up for inspection by Col. H. V. McNally, OBE, Provost Marshal, FARELF.

Col. McNally arrived by jeep with the APM Hongkong, Maj. W. C. Rogers, MC, and took the General Salute. He then inspected the Company while the band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (loaned by kind permission of Lt. Col. G. L. Neilson, DSO) played a slow march.

Following the inspection the Company marched past in review order to the Corps' tune "The Watch Tower." Motor transport drivers and cyclists were then ordered to stand by their vehicles parked at the rear of the Parade for inspection while the remainder of the Company marched off.

Warrant For Arrest Issued

A warrant for the arrest of a 55-year-old woman, Li Tai, who failed to appear in Court to answer a charge of gambling, was issued by Mr. Winter at Kowloon this morning. Defendant's \$50 bail was estreated.

When Li's name was called, another woman answered and informed the Court that she was Li Tai but a detective who made the arrest pointed out that she was not the defendant. After 10 minutes of questioning, the woman admitted that she was not Li Tai and said she was appearing for her because defendant was ill.

The Magistrate then estreated the bail and a warrant for the arrest of Li Tai was issued.

New Zealand PM To Visit Washington

Washington, Jan. 22. An authoritative diplomatic source said today that the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Sidney Holland, would pay an official visit here from February 5 to February 9 for thorough discussions on Far Eastern affairs. He said Mr. Holland would come from Ottawa after spending four days in New York.

According to the source, Mr. Holland expects to see President Truman, the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and Far Eastern experts of the State Department.

The source added that the situation in Southeast Asia and the Japanese peace treaty were expected to be the chief Far Eastern subjects discussed and he pointed out that Australia and New Zealand had virtually the same views.

Consequently, he said Mr. Holland would be able to inform the New Zealand and Australian governments on the results of his talks here. He said also that Mr. Holland was expected to urge sufficient safeguards in the Japanese peace treaty so that Japan did not again threaten Australia and New Zealand.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.02. Light Orchestra. Selections: 6.02. Cantonese by Radio-Given by Miss Lee Wai-lan & S. K. Lee (Studio); 6.30. Roberto, Taylor and his Orchestra; 7.00. World News and News Analysis; (London Relay); 7.15. Royal Opera House Orchestra; 7.30. "Down Memory Lane"—Presented by Alison Woods (Radio); 7.45. From the Editor's (London Relay Recorded); 8.00. "Box 200"—Nert Gillette at the Hammond Organ; 8.30. "The Fourth Edinburgh International Festival of Music & Drama, A Song Recital" given by Victoria de Los Angeles (Soprano); 8.45. "The Employment of Music"—Symphony Poema, by Gustav Mahler; 9.00. Radio News (London Relay); 9.15. "The Fourth Edinburgh International Festival of Music & Drama, The Glasgow Orpheus Chorus" (BBC); 9.30. "The Fourth Edinburgh International Festival of Music & Drama, The Glasgow Orpheus Chorus" (BBC); 9.45. "The Fourth Edinburgh International Festival of Music & Drama, The Glasgow Orpheus Chorus" (BBC); 10.00. 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